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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
16 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
17 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

18 DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR on  
19 behalf of himself and all others similarly  
20 situated;

21 Plaintiffs,

22 v.

23 AC SQUARE INC.; COMCAST INC.;  
24 AFSHIN GHANEH; ANDREW  
25 BAHMANYAR; AND DOES 1-60  
26 INCLUSIVE;

27 Defendants.

Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP

**DEFENDANT AFSHIN GHANEH'S EX  
PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER  
ALLOWING DEFENDANT TO FILE AND  
HAVE HEARD A MOTION TO DISMISS  
PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF  
CIVIL PROCEDURE, RULE 12(B)(6)  
PRIOR TO INITIAL CASE  
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE;  
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND  
AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF  
BENJAMIN A. EMMERT IN SUPPORT OF  
EX PARTE APPLICATION; [PROPOSED]  
ORDER**

**Local Rule, 7-10; MHP Standing Order, No.  
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**Date: TBD  
Time: TBD  
Courtroom: 15  
Judge: Honorable Marilyn H. Patel**

**EX PARTE APPLICATION**

**TO ALL PARTIES BY AND THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

Please take notice that defendant Afshin Ghaneh (hereinafter referred to as  
"Defendant") hereby applies to this Court on an ex parte basis for an Order allowing Defendant to  
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Ex Parte Application for Order Allowing Motion to Dismiss Filed Prior to Initial Case Management Conference  
Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP

1 file a motion to dismiss plaintiff, Daniel Keating-Traynor's (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff")  
2 first and second causes of action alleged against Defendant in his Complaint, Case No. CV-08-2907-  
3 MHP. This ex parte application is made pursuant to the United States District Court for the Northern  
4 District of California Local Rule 7-10 and Chief Judge Marilyn H. Patel's Standing Order number 4.  
5 This application is based on the fact that Plaintiff has filed a Complaint containing two causes  
6 against Defendant: one cause of action for alleged violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act 29  
7 U.S.C. § 201 et seq (hereinafter referred to as the "FLSA"); and, one cause of action for alleged  
8 conspiracy to violate the FLSA. Defendant believes that this Complaint fails to state facts sufficient  
9 to constitute a cause of action against AC Square, Inc. because: (1) the alleged improper acts took  
10 place more than three years prior to Plaintiff filing this Complaint and are therefore barred by the  
11 statute of limitations; (2) Plaintiff has failed to allege facts showing he is entitled to any relief under  
12 the FLSA; and (3) Plaintiff has failed to allege facts showing a justiciable conspiracy. This  
13 Application is further based on the fact that counsel for Defendant has informed Plaintiff's counsel  
14 of its intention to respond to the Complaint by way of a motion to dismiss and requested Plaintiff's  
15 counsel stipulate to an extension of time to respond until after the initial case management  
16 conference. Plaintiff's counsel has failed and/or refused to agree to such stipulation. Therefore, in  
17 order to protect Defendant's rights to challenge the Complaint as provided for by Federal Rule of  
18 Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b)(6), Defendant respectfully requests this Court allow Defendant to file  
19 and have heard its motion to dismiss prior to the initial case management conference pursuant to  
20 Standing Order Number 4.

21 This application is based on the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the  
22 attached Declaration of Benjamin A. Emmert, the complete files and records in this action and any  
23 oral argument that may be heard by the Court with regard to this Application.

## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff's Complaint filed in this Court, case number CV-08-2907-MHP is the fourth complaint Plaintiff has filed for the same alleged wrong and which arises out of the same set of operative facts and the second of two complaints naming Mr. Ghaneh as a defendant. As explained more completely in Defendant Afshin Ghaneh's Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's First and Second Causes of Action From Complaint, Case Number CV-08-2907-MHP, Plaintiff was employed by AC Square, Inc. from about "around January 30, 2005" to "about May 2, 2005" when he was terminated.

Plaintiff filed his first complaint against AC Square, Inc. in the San Mateo County Superior Court on July 7, 2006, action number CIV 456118. (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Complaint"). The Original Complaint alleged AC Square, Inc. failed to pay Plaintiff all compensation, including overtime, that he believed was due and owing. Plaintiff dismissed the causes of action seeking unpaid wages from the Complaint without prejudice on June 25, 2007.

On June 29, 2007 Plaintiff filed a second Complaint in the San Mateo County Superior Court against AC Square, Inc., action number 464144. (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Complaint"). This Complaint again sought recovery of alleged unpaid wages including overtime.

For unexplained reasons and even though litigation on the Second Complaint was still proceeding, Plaintiff filed a new complaint in the San Mateo County Superior Court against AC Square, Inc. on June 10, 2008. (hereinafter referred to as the "Third Complaint"). The Third Complaint seeks essentially the same relief as the first two Complaints, but adds a cause of action for alleged violation of the FLSA and names additional parties, including Mr. Ghaneh. The San Mateo County Superior Court consolidated the Second and Third Complaints on June 19, 2008. AC Square, Inc. removed consolidated action to this Court on June 20, 2008. The consolidated action number is CV-08-3035-EDL.

1 For equally unexplained reasons, the day after filing the Third Complaint, Plaintiff  
2 filed the instant Complaint (hereinafter referred to as the "Fourth Complaint"). The Fourth  
3 Complaint names the same defendants and contains the same allegations concerning the FLSA as the  
4 Third Complaint.

## 5 II. ARGUMENT


6 Plaintiff's Fourth Complaint contains only two causes of action against Defendant for  
7 alleged violation of the FLSA and conspiracy to violate the FLSA. Among other deficiencies in the  
8 Fourth Complaint, these causes of action appear to be barred by the statute of limitations. The  
9 statute of limitations for a FLSA violation is two or three years depending on whether an employer's  
10 violation is willful. *See* 29 U.S.C. § 255(a). Regardless of whether Plaintiff is claiming Defendant  
11 willfully violated the FLSA, Plaintiff's causes of action in the Fourth Complaint are barred by the  
12 statute of limitations. Specifically, Plaintiff has expressly admitted that he last worked for AC  
13 Square, Inc. on May 2, 2005. Thus, the statute of limitations has expired on a FLSA claim by at  
14 least May 2, 2008. *Huss v. City of Huntington Beach*, 317 F. Supp. 2d 1151, 1161 (C.D. Cal. 2000)  
15 (citing *Unexcelled Chem. Corp. v. United States*, 73 S.Ct. 580, 584 (1953)).

16 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 12(a)(1)(A)(i) requires a defendant file an  
17 answer to a complaint within 20 day after being served. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b)  
18 allows a defendant to serve a motion to dismiss in lieu of an answer. However, in light of Standing  
19 Order Number 4, Defendant is unable to file the accompanying motion to dismiss until after the  
20 initial case management conference. Thus, Defendant is faced with the real possibility of incurring  
21 significant legal fees and costs by having to file an answer and respond to Plaintiff's discovery in an  
22 action that appears to be barred by the statute of limitations.

23 Defendant attempted to resolve this dilemma by requesting Plaintiff's counsel  
24 stipulate to extending Defendant's time to respond to the Complaint until after the initial case  
25 management conference. See Exhibit A. Plaintiff's counsel has failed and/or refused to enter into  
26 such stipulation. Therefore, in order to protect its rights and attempt to resolve this lawsuit at the  
27 earliest possible stage, Defendant respectfully requests this Court grant this Application and allow  
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1 Defendant to file the accompanying motion to dismiss prior to the initial case management  
2 conference. A copy of the motion Defendant proposes to file in the event this application is granted  
3 is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

4 Dated: July 11, 2008  
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13 AC SQUARE INC., AFSHIN GHANEH,  
14 AND ANDREW BAHMANYAR  
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16 **III. DECLARATION OF BENJAMIN A. EMMERT IN SUPPORT OF EX PARTE**  
17 **APPLICATION**

18 I, Benjamin A. Emmert, declare:

19 1. That I am an associate in the law firm of Littler Mendelson, a professional  
20 corporation, which represents Defendant Afshin Ghaneh with respect to the Plaintiff Daniel Keating-  
21 Traynor's Complaint in this matter. I am duly licensed to practice law in the State of California and  
22 I am one of the attorneys responsible for representing Defendant in this action. I have personal  
23 knowledge of the following facts and if called and sworn in as a witness could and would  
24 competently testify thereto;

25 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the email I sent to  
26 Plaintiff's counsel advising him that Mr. Ghaneh would respond to this Complaint by motion to  
27 dismiss for failure to state a cause of action and requesting that he stipulate to extending the deadline  
28 for Mr. Ghaneh to respond to the Complaint until after the initial case management conference;

3. Plaintiff's counsel has not agreed to continue the deadline for Mr. Ghaneh to  
respond to the Complaint;

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of Defendant Afshin

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1 Ghaneh's Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's First and Second Causes of Action  
2 From Complaint, Case Number CV-08-2907-MHP and Request for Judicial Notice in support of the  
3 motion Mr. Ghaneh proposes to file if this application is granted.

4 I hereby declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California,  
5 that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this Declaration was executed on July 10, 2008, at San  
6 Jose, California.

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8 BENJAMIN A. EMMERT

**ORDER**

Having considered Defendant's ex parte application for an order permitting Defendant to file Defendant Afshin Ghaneh's Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's First and Second Causes of Action From Complaint, Case Number CV-08-2907-MHP, and finding good cause therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant's request to file the attached motion to dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint is granted. Defendant shall file and serve the motion by no later than \_\_\_\_\_. The hearing on this motion is set for \_\_\_\_\_, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Any opposition to the motion shall be filed and served by \_\_\_\_\_, 2008. Any reply to the opposition shall be filed and served by \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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Honorable Marilyn H. Patel

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**EXHIBIT A**



**Emmert, Benjamin A.**

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**From:** Emmert, Benjamin A.  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2008 2:53 PM  
**To:** DANIEL BERKO  
**Subject:** RE: Keating-Traynor v. AC Square, Inc. et al, (Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP).

To protect my clients' rights to object to your complaint.

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**From:** DANIEL BERKO [mailto:berkolaw@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2008 2:28 PM  
**To:** Emmert, Benjamin A.  
**Cc:** C. Jato  
**Subject:** Re: Keating-Traynor v. AC Square, Inc. et al, (Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP).

Why?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Emmert, Benjamin A.  
**To:** DANIEL BERKO  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2008 1:42 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Keating-Traynor v. AC Square, Inc. et al, (Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP).

Dear Mr. Berko:

Thank you for considering my proposal. However, I will need to know your position by Monday. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Benjamin A. Emmert

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**From:** DANIEL BERKO [mailto:berkolaw@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2008 1:13 PM  
**To:** Emmert, Benjamin A.  
**Cc:** C. Jato; Peters, Ronald A.  
**Subject:** Re: Keating-Traynor v. AC Square, Inc. et al, (Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP).

#### THE PLEADINGS

I think we should first discuss in general how we are going to handle the pleadings and then get court approval. Presently, there is a federal complaint and two state court cases having been removed to federal court. I am sure you noted when we filed the Notice of Related Cases that the federal case was assigned to Patel.

The court decides if the cases are related, but I assume you must agree that all 3 cases are "related" as used under the rules. Are you planning on filing anything in that regard?

#### YOUR PROPOSAL

I will consider your proposal. It might defeat the purpose of the standing order, but in general I would not challenge your right to file a 12(b)(6) motion.

7/10/2008

## ENFORCEMENT OF STATE COURT SUBPOENAS

I am concerned regarding the document subpoenas and I want to make sure we are clear here. You had no right to continue to use the subpoena power of the court to get documents by subpoena after the trial court stayed all discovery or after the two cases were removed for those two independent reasons. Having your service continue its efforts to obtain the documents after either of those dates would be highly inappropriate and actionable. I request you state who your service contacted after the order staying discovery including requests or demands that the documents be produced. I know that it happened because the company called my office after the stay of discovery was in effect to get documents due under the subpoena.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Emmert, Benjamin A.

**To:** DANIEL BERKO

**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2008 11:00 AM

**Subject:** Keating-Traynor v. AC Square, Inc. et al, (Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP).

Dear Mr. Berko:

Although you have not yet served the federal Complaint, case no. CV-08-2907-MHP on AC Square, Inc., Mr. Afshin Ghaneh, or Mr. Andrew Bahmanyar, we have obtained a copy and note that it has been assigned to the Honorable Judge Marilyn H. Patel. As you know, Judge Patel has a standing order that states, "Motions to dismiss shall not be filed before the initial Case Management Conference except by leave of the court." Once you serve the complaint, AC Square, Inc., Mr. Afshin Ghaneh and Mr. Andrew Bahmanyar will respond my way of a Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss. Given Judge Patel's standing order, we request that you stipulate to extending the time for AC Square, Inc., Mr. Afshin Ghaneh and Mr. Andrew Bahmanyar to respond to the complaint until after the initial case management conference. Please advise whether you will agree to the proposed stipulation. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this matter further.

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GHANEH; ANDREW BAHMANYAR;  
and DOES 1 THROUGH 60, inclusive,

Defendant.

Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
DEFENDANT AFSHIN GHANEH'S  
MOTION TO DISMISS**

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Dept: Courtroom 15**

**Judge: Honorable Marilyn H. Patel**

Defendant Afshin Ghaneh's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's first and second causes of action from Plaintiff's Complaint, action number CV-08-2907-MHP came on regularly for hearing before this Court on \_\_\_\_\_. Ronald A. Peters, Esq. appeared as attorney for defendant, Afshin Ghaneh. Daniel Berko appeared as attorney for plaintiff, Daniel Keating-Traynor. After considering the moving papers, the papers submitted in opposition to the motion, the papers submitted in reply to the opposition, arguments of counsel and all other matters presented to the Court, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, the motion is GRANTED. Plaintiff's first cause of action for "Violation of the Fair Labor Standard Act" is dismissed as it fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against Afshin Ghaneh; Plaintiff's second cause of action for "Conspiracy to Violate the Fair Labor Standard Act" is dismissed as it fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action

1 against defendant Afshin Ghaneh.

2 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Honorable Magistrate Marilyn H. Patel

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Defendants.

Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP

**DEFENDANT AFSHIN GHANEH'S  
NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO  
DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AND  
SECOND CAUSES OF ACTION FROM  
COMPLAINT, CASE NUMBER CV-08-  
2907-MHP**

**FRCP Rule 12(b)(6)**

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Courtroom: 15**

**Judge: Honorable Marilyn H. Patel**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION**

**TO ALL PARTIES BY AND THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

Please take notice that on **(DATE)** at **(TIME)**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Courtroom 15 of the District Court of the Northern District of California located at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94012, before The Honorable Marilyn H. Patel, Defendant Afshin Ghaneh will move this court for an order dismissing Plaintiff, Daniel Keating-Traynor's (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff") first and second causes of action against Mr. Ghaneh from the Complaint, case number CIV CV-08-2907-MHP. Mr. Ghaneh's motion to dismiss is brought pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b)(6) and on the grounds that each of these causes of action fail to state facts sufficient to sustain the cause of action against Mr. Ghaneh and/or are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

This Motion is based on this Notice of Motion and Motion, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities set forth below, the Request for Judicial Notice, any oral argument that may be heard, and all pleadings and papers on file in this action.

**MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Afshin Ghaneh brings this motion to dismiss Plaintiff's first, second, third, fourth and fifth causes of action against himself only and not on behalf of any other co-defendant, including Comcast, Inc. To the extent this motion discusses Plaintiff's allegations regarding co-defendant Comcast, Inc. in his conspiracy causes of action, Plaintiff's first, third and fifth causes of action, such discussion is made solely for the purpose of showing Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state facts sufficient to support a conspiracy cause of action against Afshin Ghaneh and for no other purpose. Counsel for Afshin Ghaneh does not represent Comcast, Inc. and no argument in this motion should be inferred as being made by or on behalf of Comcast, Inc.

Plaintiff's Complaint, contains two causes of action against Mr. Ghaneh for: (1) Violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq. (hereinafter referred to as the "FLSA"); and, (2) Conspiracy to Violate the FLSA. However, neither of these causes of action can

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be sustained against Mr. Ghaneh as a matter of law. First, Plaintiff's causes of action are barred by the statute of limitations. Specifically, Plaintiff has admitted he last worked for AC Square, Inc. on May 2, 2005. Thus, any claim for a violation of the FLSA ran by at least May 2, 2008. Regarding his conspiracy claims, Plaintiff has failed to allege facts showing the formation and operation of a conspiracy and/or any legally redressable wrongful act or damage. Thus, for the reasons more completely stated within, this motion must be granted and Plaintiff's first and second causes of action against Mr. Bahmanyar must be dismissed.

## II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

### A. AC Square, Inc.

AC Square, Inc. is a cable installation contractor, doing work primarily for Comcast, Inc. Defendant provides installation of cable television and computer related services to primarily residential customers of Comcast at various locations in northern California. AC Square, Inc. was formed in February of 2004. AC Square, Inc. currently employs between ninety and one hundred and thirty technicians.

### B. Procedural History

Plaintiff's Complaint filed in this Court, is the fourth Complaint he has filed against AC Square, Inc. and the second he has filed against Mr. Ghaneh for the same alleged wrong.

#### 1. Plaintiff's First Complaint

Plaintiff filed his first Complaint naming as defendant only AC Square, Inc. in the San Mateo County Superior Court on July 7, 2006, action number CIV 456118. (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Complaint") (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. A). The Original Complaint contained five causes of action for: (1) nonpayment of wages in violation of California Labor Code section 201; (2) failure to pay overtime wages in violation of California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198; (3) violation of California Labor Code section 2802; (4) wrongful termination; and, (5) failure to provide personnel file/failure to provide itemized wage statements in violation of California Labor Code sections 226, 432 and 1198.5. *Id.* As pertinent to this motion, the Original Complaint alleged AC Square, Inc. failed to pay Plaintiff compensation for all hours that he worked. Plaintiff dismissed his first, second, third and fifth causes of action without prejudice on June 25,

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2007. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. B). Plaintiff's fourth cause of action for wrongful termination was dismissed following a grant of summary adjudication in favor of AC Square, Inc. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. C). Judgment was entered on the Original Complaint on June 28, 2007. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. D).

## 2. Plaintiff's Second Complaint

Plaintiff filed a second Complaint again naming as defendant only AC Square, Inc. in the San Mateo County Superior Court on June 29, 2007, action number 464144. (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Complaint") (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. E). Plaintiff's Second Complaint contains five causes of action for: (1) violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200; (2) violation of California Labor Code section 2802; (3) failure to pay overtime wages pursuant to California Labor Code section 510 and 1194; (4) failure to furnish itemized wage statements pursuant to California Labor Code section 226; and, (5) failure to pay wages due. *Id.* This Complaint, like the Original Complaint, alleges AC Square, Inc. failed to pay Plaintiff compensation for all hours worked. The first through fourth causes of action are brought on behalf of Plaintiff and all other similarly situated individuals. *Id.* The fifth cause of action was brought by Plaintiff on his own behalf. *Id.*

## 3. Plaintiff's Third Complaint

On June 10, 2008 Plaintiff filed a new Complaint in the San Mateo County Superior Court, action number 473571. (hereinafter referred to as the "Third Complaint") (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. F). Plaintiff's Third Complaint is also styled as a class action on behalf of Plaintiff and all other similarly situated individuals. *Id.* The Third Complaint names as defendants AC Square, Inc. and adds as defendants, Comcast, Inc., Mr. Ghaneh, and Andrew Bahmanyar. It contains five causes of action for: (1) conspiracy to violate California Business and Professions Code section 17200; (2) violation of the FLSA; (3) conspiracy to violate the FLSA; (4) failure to pay monies at termination of employment; and, (5) conspiracy to violate California Labor Code section 558. *Id.* This Complaint, like the Original Complaint and the Second Complaint alleges the same wrongful conduct. The significant differences between the Third Complaint and the Original and Second Complaint is it alleges different causes of action and names additional defendants. However,

1 the underlying allegations are identical.

2 On June 19, 2008 AC Square, Inc. moved to consolidate Plaintiff's Second and Third  
3 Complaints. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. G). The San Mateo Superior Court granted AC  
4 Square, Inc.'s consolidation request and ordered the Second and Third Complaints consolidated  
5 under action number 464144. *Id.* (The Second and Third Complaints will hereinafter be collectively  
6 referred to as the "Consolidated Action"). On June 20, 2008 AC Square, Inc. removed the  
7 Consolidated Action to this Court. (to Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. H).

#### 8 **4. Plaintiff's Fourth Complaint**

9 On June 11, 2008, Plaintiff filed the instant Complaint. (hereinafter referred to as the  
10 "Fourth Complaint"). This Complaint, like the Third Complaint names as defendants AC Square,  
11 Inc., Comcast, Inc. Mr. Ghaneh, and Andrew Bahmanyar. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I). The  
12 Fourth Complaint contains two causes of action for: (1) violation of the FLSA; and, (2) conspiracy  
13 to violate the FLSA. *Id.* The Fourth Complaint is essentially the same as the Third Complaint, but  
14 only alleges causes of action for alleged violations of the FLSA.

15 On June 27, 2008 Plaintiff filed an Administrative Request to have the Consolidated  
16 Action consolidated with the Fourth Complaint. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. J).

#### 17 **C. Statement of Allegations**

18 This Motion is directed at first and second causes of action in Plaintiff's Fourth  
19 Complaint. As to Mr. Ghaneh, Plaintiff alleges he is a managerial employee, officer, and/or director  
20 of AC Square, Inc. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 4, p. 2:25-26). Plaintiff further alleges Mr.  
21 Ghaneh was partially responsible for setting AC Square, Inc.'s policies and has partial control over  
22 AC Square, Inc.'s payroll and business practices. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 4, pp. 2:27;  
23 3:1). He also alleges Mr. Ghaneh owns one hundred percent of AC Square, Inc.'s stock and has final  
24 say on any of its policies and practices. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 4, p. 26-27). He  
25 finally alleges that Mr. Ghaneh acted with the other Defendants "in a tacit and express agreement" to  
26 not pay AC Square, Inc.'s employee overtime compensation to which they were allegedly entitled.  
27 (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 16, p. 5:21-24).

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As to AC Square, Inc. Plaintiff claim it employs technicians that install, disconnect, and upgrade television, computer and other electronic services to Comcast's customers. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 2, pp. 1:25-27; 2:1). Plaintiff claims he "**worked** as a technician" for AC Square, Inc. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 8, p. 4:1-2.) (emphasis added). He also alleges he "was **formerly** employed by AC [Square, Inc.] as a cable television and computer technician for the purpose of installing, upgrading, disconnecting and providing similar services to consumers who use" Comcast's services. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 8, p. 4:3-6) (emphasis added). On the basis of these allegations, Plaintiff claims AC Square, Inc. did not pay its employees for all hours worked and failed to pay its employees overtime. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 9, p. 4:7-15).

While Plaintiff admits he was "formerly employed" by AC Square, Inc., the Fourth Complaint conveniently omits any allegations showing time period he worked for AC Square, Inc. However, in the Original Complaint, Plaintiff expressly admitted that he was employed by AC Square, Inc. from "around January 30, 2005" to "about May 2, 2005." (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. A, ¶ 5, p. 2:9; ¶ 13, p. 3:11). In that same Complaint, Plaintiff admitted that AC Square, Inc. terminated him on about May 2, 2005. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. A, ¶ 13, p. 3:11).

In addition, the Fourth Complaint fails to allege any facts showing Plaintiff's weekly or monthly salary - or hourly wage - while he was employed by AC Square, Inc. It also specifically fails to allege any facts showing the hours he claims to have worked for AC Square, Inc. and/or whether Plaintiff actually worked any hours for the purposes of overtime compensation.

### III. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Mr. Ghaneh brings this Motion pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b)(6).<sup>1</sup> A Rule 12(b)(6) motion tests the legal sufficiency of the claims stated in a civil complaint and authorizes the court to dismiss an action on the basis of a dispositive issue of law. See *Qwest Communications Corp. v. City of Berkeley*, 208 F.R.D. 288, 291 (N.D. Cal. 2002).

In entertaining a Rule 12(b)(6) motion, a court must determine whether the facts alleged by the plaintiff, if assumed to be true, would entitle that plaintiff to a legal remedy.

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all cited rules refer to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.



Dismissal of an action under Rule 12(b)(6) is proper “where there is either a ‘lack of a cognizable legal theory’ or ‘the absence of sufficient facts alleged under a cognizable legal theory.’” 9 *Schwarzer, et. al., California Practice Guide: Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial*, § 9:187 (TRG 2007.) In ruling on such motion, “[g]enerally a court may not consider material beyond the complaint.” *Intri-Plex Technologies, Inc. v. Crest Group, Inc.*, 499 F.3d 1048, 1052 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2007). “However, ‘[a] court may take judicial notice of ‘matters of public record’ without converting a notion to dismiss into a motion for summary judgment,’ as long as the facts notices are not ‘subject to reasonable dispute.’” *Id.*; See also *Mullis v. United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada*, 828 F.2d 1385, 1388 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1987). Judicial admissions of fact are considered matters of which a court may take judicial notice and are binding on the parties and the court. *American Title Ins. Co. v. Lacelaw Corp.*, 861 F.2d 224, 226 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988).

A Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss is appropriate where the plaintiff has stated a claim that omits one or more key elements of a cause of action. 9 *Schwarzer, et. al., California Practice Guide, supra*, § 9:179. “[A motion to dismiss is often very effective where plaintiff has stated the claim in vague, conclusory terms without setting forth one or more key elements.”] Such motion is also proper where the plaintiff’s action is time-barred. See *Jablon v. Dean Witter & Co.*, 614 F.2d 677, 682 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1980).

To avoid dismissal under Rule 12(b)(6), a complaint must include “enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.” *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly* 127 S.Ct. 1555, 1574 (2007). While a plaintiff is not required to plead “detailed factual allegations,” a plaintiff nevertheless must plead sufficient facts “to provide the ‘grounds’ of his ‘entitle[ment] to relief,’ [which] requires more than labels and conclusions, and [for which] a formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause of action will not do.” *Id.* at 1564-65. A complaint cannot simply “le[ave] open the possibility that a plaintiff might later establish some ‘set of undisclosed facts’ to support recovery.” *Id.* at 1568. Rather, the facts set forth in the complaint must be sufficient to “nudge [] the [] claims across the line from conceivable to plausible.” *Id.* at 1574. Because Plaintiff has failed to allege sufficient facts that provide “the ‘grounds’ of his ‘entitle[ment] to relief’” his claims must be dismissed.



1 **IV. LEGAL ARGUMENT**

2 **A. PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FAILS TO STATE FACTS SUFFICIENT TO**  
 3 **SUSTAIN HIS FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE FLSA**

4 **1. PLAINTIFF CAUSE OF ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE FLSA IS**  
 5 **BARRED BY THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

6 Even assuming Mr. Ghaneh is a proper defendant in this cause of action, Plaintiff's  
 7 cause of action for violation of the FLSA is barred by the statute of limitations. The statute of  
 8 limitations for an alleged violation of the FLSA is two years. *See* 29 U.S.C. § 255(a). The FLSA's  
 9 statute of limitations period is extended to three years only if the employer's violation is willful. *Id.*  
 10 "The limitations period for an action under the FLSA begins to run at the time the employer  
 11 breaches his duties under the Act..." *Huss v. City of Huntington Beach*, 317 F. Supp. 2d 1151, 1161  
 12 (C.D. Cal. 2000) (citing *Unexcelled Chem. Corp. v. United States*, 73 S.Ct. 580, 584 (1953)). "It is  
 13 well settled that 'A separate cause of action for overtime compensation accrues at each regular  
 14 payday immediately following the work period during which the services were rendered and for  
 15 which overtime compensation is claimed.'" *Mitchell v. Lancaster Milk Co.*, 185 F. Supp 66, 70  
 16 (D.C. PA 1960).

17 Based on the clear and unambiguous limitations period, Plaintiff cannot sustain his  
 18 second cause of action against Mr. Ghaneh as any potential FLSA claim is barred by the statute of  
 19 limitations. Plaintiff admitted he worked for AC Square, Inc. from "about January 30, 2005" to  
 20 "about May 2, 2005." (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. A, ¶ 5, p. 2:9; ¶ 13, p. 3:11). This  
 21 allegation in his Original Complaint constitutes a judicial admission of which this Court may take  
 22 judicial notice and which is binding on Plaintiff. *American Title Ins. Co. v. Lacelaw Corp.*, 861 F.2d  
 23 224, 226 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988) (stating "under federal law, stipulations and admissions in the pleadings are  
 24 generally binding on the parties and the Court."). As pertinent to this motion, the *American Title*  
 25 *Ins. Co.* Court stated:

26 "[U]nder federal law, stipulations and admissions in the pleading are generally  
 27 binding on the parties and the Court. Not only are such admissions and  
 28 stipulations binding before the trial court, but they are binding on appeal as  
 well." (citations omitted). "Judicial admissions are formal admissions in the  
 pleadings which have the effect of withdrawing a fact from issue and  
 dispensing wholly with the need for proof of the fact." (citation omitted).  
 Factual assertions in the pleadings..., unless amended, are considered judicial

admissions conclusively binding on the party who made them....A statement in a complaint, answer or pretrial order is a judicial admission, as is a failure in an answer to deny an allegation. *Id.*

Plaintiff's admission in his Original Complaint that he last worked for AC Square, Inc. on May 2, 2005 is an unequivocal statement of fact that has never been amended, withdrawn or otherwise modified. As this admission was made by Plaintiff, it establishes the last date Plaintiff worked for AC Square, Inc. for the purposes of this motion and the date Plaintiff's causes of action for violation of the FLSA began to run.

Specifically, Plaintiff's FLSA claims began to run when Mr. Bahmanyar, by and through his agency with AC Square, Inc., allegedly breached its "duties under the [FLSA]..." *Huss v. City of Huntington Beach*, 317 F. Supp. 2d 1151, 1161 (C.D. Cal. 2000). The limitations period began to run at the same time for Mr. Ghaneh because Plaintiff has only alleged that Mr. Ghaneh acted by and through AC Square, Inc. Thus, it does not matter whether Plaintiff claims Mr. Ghaneh, by and through his agency with AC Square, Inc., negligently or intentionally violated the FLSA because Plaintiff did not file his Fourth Complaint, until June 11, 2008, more than thirteen months after the statute of limitations ran on a non-willful violation and more than a month after the statute ran on an alleged willful violation. Thus, Plaintiff's first cause of action for violation of the FLSA must be dismissed as it is barred by the statute of limitations.

## 2. PLAINTIFF HAS FAILED TO ALLEGE FACTS SHOWING MR. GHANEH VIOLATED THE FLSA

Even if Plaintiff's FLSA cause of action is not barred by the statute of limitations, Plaintiff has failed to allege sufficient facts to sustain this claim. At most, Plaintiff has alleged AC Square, Inc., by and through its agents, "failed to pay each class member wages during all hours that they worked" and he and/or other employees were "not paid for overtime when he worked more than an 8 hour day...more than a forty hour week...the seventh day in a row...[or] over eight hours on the seventh day." (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 9, p. 4:7-15). These allegations are insufficient to sustain this claim as a matter of law as he has failed to allege facts showing any entitlement to the relief sought.

a. **PLAINTIFF HAS FAILED TO ALLEGE FACTS SHOWING  
MR. GHANEH VIOLATED 29 U.S.C. SECTION 206**

29 U.S.C. Section 206 states, in pertinent part, “Every employer shall pay to each of his employees who in any workweek is engaged in commerce or in the production of good for commerce, or is employed in an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, wages at the following rates...”. 29 U.S.C. § 206(a). “[T]o establish a violation of the minimum wage requirements of the FLSA, a plaintiff... must demonstrate that he[/she] was engaged in compensable activity within the meaning of the statute and that the wages received for that activity, if any, were below the statutory minimum wage.” *Hensley v. MacMillan Bloedel Containers, Inc.*, 786 F.2d 353, 355 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986). There is no violation of the FLSA’s minimum-wage provisions “so long as the total weekly wage paid by an employer meets the minimum weekly requirements of the statute, such minimum weekly requirement being equal to the number of hours actually worked that week multiplied by the minimum hourly statutory requirement.” *Id.* at 357.

Plaintiff’s conclusion that “AC [Square, Inc.] failed to pay each class member wages during all hours that they worked” is insufficient to sustain this claim. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 9, p. 4:14-15). Plaintiff has failed to allege any activity that he or the putative class members were engaged in that would be compensable for the purposes of the FLSA. Specifically, Plaintiff does not allege what hours he or the putative class members allegedly worked, the amount of compensation they actually received, or any other facts that would permit an inference that he or the putative class members were actually paid less than the minimum wage as required by the FLSA. Plaintiff’s conclusion that he and the other putative class members were not paid for all hours worked without pleading any factual support is not sufficient to support a cause of action for violation of 29 U.S.C Section 206. *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 127 S.Ct. 1955, 1964-65 (stating a plaintiff nevertheless must plead sufficient facts “to provide the ‘grounds’ of his ‘entitle[ment] to relief,’ [which] requires more than labels and conclusions, and [for which] a formulaic recitations of the elements of a cause of action will not do.”). Thus, Plaintiff’s first cause of action for violation of the FLSA must be dismissed.

**b. PLAINTIFF HAS NOT ALLEGED FACTS SHOWING MR. GHANEH VIOLATED 29 U.S.C. SECTION 207**

29 U.S.C. section 207 states, in pertinent part, that “no employer shall employ any of his employees ... for a workweek longer than forty hours unless such employee receives compensation for his employment in excess of the hours above specified at a rate not less than one and one-half the regular rate at which he is employed.” 29 U.S.C. § 207(a)(1). As stated above, Plaintiff fails to allege that he or any other putative class member worked forty or more hours at any time. At most, Plaintiff alleges he and the putative class members “were not paid overtime” without alleging any entitlement to overtime compensation. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 9, p. 4:12). This conclusory pleading is insufficient according to *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly* 127 S.Ct. 1955, 1964-65 (2007). Thus, Plaintiff cannot sustain his first cause of action for an alleged violation of the FLSA against Mr. Ghaneh as a matter of law.

**B. PLAINTIFF’S COMPLAINT FAILS TO STATE FACTS SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN HIS SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST MR. GHANEH**

Conspiracy is not an independent cause of action “but a legal doctrine that imposes liability on persons who, although not actually committing a tort themselves, share with the immediate tortfeasor a common plan or design.” *Applied Equip. Corp. v. Litton Saudi Arabia Ltd.*, 7 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 503-511 (1994). As such, it has the same statute of limitations as the claim on which it is based. *Maheu v. CBS, Inc.*, 201 Cal. App. 3<sup>rd</sup> 662, 673 (1988). To state a claim for conspiracy, “the complaint must allege (1) the formation and operation of a conspiracy; (2) the wrongful act or acts done pursuant thereto; and (3) the damage resulting from such act or acts.” *General American Life Ins. Co. v. Rana*, 769 F. Supp. 1121, 1125 (N.D. Cal. 1991). “To establish the ‘wrongful act’ element of a civil conspiracy, defendant must satisfy all of the elements of a cause of action for some other tort or wrong.” *Id.* “[A] simple failure to comply with statutory overtime requirements...does not qualify” to support a claim for conspiracy. *Reynolds v. Bement*, 36 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 1075, 1090 (2005). Moreover, a conspiracy necessarily involves two or more people or entities. *Black v. Bank of America*, 30 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 1, 6 (1995). “Agents and employees of a corporation cannot conspire with their corporate principal or employer where they act in their official capacities on behalf of the

corporation and not as individuals for their individual advantage.” *Reynolds v. Bement*, 36 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 1075, 1090 (2005); See also *Bradstreet v. Wong*, 161 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 1440 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 2008) (finding shareholders, officers or managing agents of a corporation not personally liable for corporation’s failure to pay employees’ wages).

**1. PLAINTIFF’S SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION FOR CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE FLSA IS BARRED BY THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

As stated above, “an action based on civil conspiracy, the applicable statute of limitations is determined by the nature of the action in which the conspiracy is alleged.” *Maheu v. CBS, Inc.*, 201 Cal. App. 3<sup>rd</sup> 662, 673 (1988). The statute of limitations for Plaintiff’s second cause of action is the same as the statute of limitations as his first cause of action on which it is based. Thus, Plaintiff’s second cause of action is barred by the statute of limitations prescribed by the FLSA for the same reasons Plaintiff’s first cause of action is barred. *See supra* Part IV.A.1.

**2. PLAINTIFF HAS FAILED TO ALLEGE FACTS SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN HIS SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION FOR CONSPIRACY AGAINST MR. GHANEH**

Plaintiff’s Complaint is devoid of any allegations showing the formation and operation of a conspiracy, any wrongful act or acts done in accordance with an alleged conspiracy, and fails to allege any legally compensable damage from any alleged conspiracy. Plaintiff’s allegations that “Defendants and each of them combined together in a tacit and express agreement to knowingly and intentionally deprive Plaintiff and all class members of their rights to overtime pay as provided by the FLSA” fails to support a conspiracy claim. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 16, p. 5:21-24). Plaintiff has not alleged any facts showing the formation and operation of the alleged conspiracy, any improper act done pursuant to the conspiracy, and/or any damage properly redressable through this cause of action. As stated above, an unsupported conclusion that AC Square, Inc. did not pay its employees for all hours they claim to have worked is not sufficient to support a conspiracy claim. *Reynolds v. Bement*, 36 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 1075, 1090 (2005) (stating, “[A] simply failure to comply with statutory overtime requirements...does not qualify” to support a claim for conspiracy).

1                   **3. PLAINTIFF HAS FAILED TO ALLEGE FACTS SHOWING ANY**  
 2                   **ALLEGED CONSPIRACY INVOLVED TWO OR MORE PEOPLE OR**  
 3                   **ENTITIES**

4                   Plaintiff has failed to allege facts sufficient to show the predicate requirement that  
 5 two or more persons conspired to violate the FLSA. Plaintiff's conspiracy allegations against Afshin  
 6 Ghaneh and Andrew Bahmanyar are not sufficient to sustain this claim because, even if assumed  
 7 true, they were acting within their capacity as agents of AC Square, Inc. and are therefore immune  
 8 from this cause of action under the agent immunity rule. In addition, Plaintiff has failed to allege  
 9 Comcast, Inc. had any obligation to him or the other putative class members and therefore cannot  
 10 identify any alleged duty Comcast, Inc. violated necessary to sustain this claim.

11                   **a. PLAINTIFF HAS FAILED TO ALLEGE FACTS SHOWING**  
 12                   **MR. BAHMANYAR'S ALLEGED ACTS ARE NOT SUBJECT**  
 13                   **TO THE AGENT IMMUNITY RULE**

14                   Plaintiff claims that Mr. Bahmanyar involvement in the alleged conspiracy is based  
 15 on his alleged position as a managerial employee, officer and/or director and his nonexclusive  
 16 responsibility for AC Square, Inc.'s payroll and business practices. (Request for Judicial Notice,  
 17 Exh. 1 ¶ 4, pp. 2:25-27; 3:1-2). The Complaint does not contain any allegations that Mr. Bahmanyar  
 18 acted outside his official capacity on behalf of the corporation in doing any alleged improper act.  
 19 See *Black v. Bank of America*, 30 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 1, 4 (1994). At most, Plaintiff claims that Mr.  
 20 Bahmanyar failed to pay Plaintiff all wages due owing in such capacity. (Request for Judicial  
 21 Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 16, p. 5:21-24). Thus, Plaintiff's claims against Mr. Bahmanyar are specifically  
 22 limited to acts allegedly committed within the scope of his agency because Plaintiff is claiming Mr.  
 23 Bahmanyar was partially responsible for AC [Square, Inc.'s] payroll and business practices" and AC  
 24 Square, Inc. "deprive[d] Plaintiff and all class members of their rights to overtime pay as provided  
 25 by the FLSA." (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 4, pp. 2:25-27; 3:1-2; ¶ 16, p. 5:21-24). As  
 26 Mr. Bahmanyar could not possibly "deprive" Plaintiff of any overtime pay to which he is allegedly  
 27 entitled under the FLSA but for his alleged responsibility for AC Square, Inc.'s payroll and business  
 28 practices, he necessarily must have been acting in his capacity as AC Square, Inc.'s agent in doing  
 the alleged improper acts. It necessarily follows that, because "directors and officers of a  
 corporation do not incur personal liability for torts of the corporation merely by reason of their



official position” and corporate agents, such as Mr. Bahmanyar, are “not personally liable for the corporate employer’s failure to pay its employee’s wages” *Reynolds v. Bement*, 36 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 1075, 1087, Plaintiff’s second cause of action cannot be sustained against Mr. Bahmanyar as a matter of law.

**b. PLAINTIFF HAS FAILED TO ALLEGE FACTS SHOWING MR. GHANEH’S ALLEGED ACTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE AGENT IMMUNITY RULE**

As with Mr. Bahmanyar, Plaintiff claims Mr. Ghaneh is a managerial employee, officer and/or director of AC Square, Inc. and is partially responsible for its payroll and business practices (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 4, pp. 2:25-27; 3:1-2). Plaintiff also alleges that Mr. Ghaneh owns one hundred percent of AC Square, Inc. and has final say on any of its policies and practices. (Request for Judicial Notice, Exh. I, ¶ 4, p. 2:26-27). However, these allegations are insufficient to show Mr. Ghaneh’s actions are not subject to the agent immunity rule.

The Fourth Complaint fails to allege any facts showing that Mr. Ghaneh acted in any fashion outside his role as a managerial employee, officer and/or director of AC Square, Inc. Moreover, as the alleged conspiracy allegations against Mr. Ghaneh claim he acted with the other Defendants to “deprive Plaintiff and all class members of their rights to overtime pay as provided by the FLSA”, such acts could only be done by and through his agency with AC Square, Inc. Plaintiff has not alleged Mr. Ghaneh did any act unrelated to his position with AC Square, Inc. or violated any duty owed by him to Plaintiff. Thus, even if Plaintiff is able to show Mr. Ghaneh had some involvement with AC Square, Inc.’s failure to pay its employees overtime under the FLSA, he cannot sustain his second cause of action against Mr. Ghaneh as a matter of law. *Reynolds v. Bement*, 36 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 1075, 1087.

**c. PLAINTIFF HAS FAILED TO ALLEGE FACTS SUFFICIENT TO SHOW COMCAST, INC. DID ANY ACT SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN HIS CAUSE OF ACTION FOR CONSPIRACY**

A conspiracy claim cannot be based on a contract cause of action. *Reynolds v. Bement*, 36 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 1075, 1090 (2005). Because claims for overtime wages are contract causes of action, they cannot support a conspiracy claim. See *Hays v. Bank of America*, 71 Cal. App. 2d 301, 305 (1945) (applying the FLSA and stating “federal cases have definitely determined that claims for

1 such overtime wages ... are not ex delicto or founded on tort, but on the contrary that they sound in  
2 contract.”). Absent a duty separate and apart from a contractual obligation, no conspiracy cause of  
3 action can be maintained. See *Litton v. Saudi Arabia Ltd.*, 7 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 503, 520 (1994) (stating, “the  
4 doctrine of conspiracy does not impose liability on persons who owe *no duty* to a plaintiff or who are  
5 otherwise immune from liability.”).

6 Plaintiff has failed to allege Comcast, Inc. owed any duty to Plaintiff which, if  
7 breached, would support his conspiracy cause of action. The only causes of action in the Fourth  
8 Complaint are for alleged violations of the FLSA. As such, the Complaint only contains contract  
9 causes of action against the Defendants, including Comcast, Inc. and therefore cannot support a  
10 claim for conspiracy. Moreover, as Plaintiff has failed to allege any facts showing Comcast, Inc.  
11 owed any duty to Plaintiff whatsoever, Plaintiff cannot amend the Complaint to state any facts  
12 sufficient to sustain any claim against Comcast, Inc.

13 Plaintiff’s failure to allege facts showing the predicate requirement of two or more  
14 persons conspired to violate the FLSA precludes him from maintaining this cause of action as a  
15 matter of law and it must be dismissed.

## 16 V. CONCLUSION

17 For the above stated reasons, Andrew Bahmanyar respectfully requests this Court  
18 grant the this Motion and enter an order as follows:

- 19 1. Plaintiff first cause of action for “Violation of the Fair Labor Standard Act” is  
20 dismissed as it fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against  
21 defendant Afshin Ghaneh;
- 22 2. Plaintiff second cause of action for “Conspiracy to Violate the Fair Labor  
23 Standard Act” is dismissed as it fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of  
24 action against defendant Afshin Ghaneh.



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Defendant.

Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP

**DEFENDANT AFSHIN GHANEH'S  
REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE  
FILED IN SUPPORT OF AFSHIN  
GHANEH'S NOTICE OF MOTION AND  
MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S  
FIRST AND SECOND CAUSES OF  
ACTION FROM COMPLAINT, CASE  
NUMBER CV-08-2907-MHP**

**Date:**  
**Time:**  
**Courtroom: 15**  
**Judge: Honorable Marilyn H. Patel**

Defendant Afshin Ghaneh submits the following Request for Judicial Notice in support of  
Defendant, Afshin Ghaneh's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's first and second causes of action from the  
Complaint, Case Number CV-08-2907-MHP, pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence section 201.

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**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 1:**

Defendant requests this Court take judicial notice of Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages and Demand for Jury Trial filed in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Mateo, Case Number CIV 456118, on July 07, 2006. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 2:**

Defendant requests this Court take judicial notice of Request for Dismissal of the first, second, third and fifth causes of action from Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages and Demand for Jury Trial filed in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Mateo, Case Number CIV 456118, on June 25, 2007. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 3:**

Defendant requests this Court take judicial notice of the Order Granting Defendant AC Square's Motion for Summary Adjudication to Plaintiff's Fourth Cause of Action for Wrongful Termination in Violation of Public Policy in Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages and Demand for Jury Trial filed in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Mateo, Case Number CIV 456118 entered on June 28, 2007. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 4:**

Defendant requests this Court take judicial notice of the Judgment on Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages and Demand for Jury Trial filed in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Mateo, Case Number CIV 456118, on April 25, 2008. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 5:**

Defendant requests that the Court take judicial notice of Plaintiff's Complaint for Restitution, Damages and Injunctive Relief filed in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Mateo, Case Number CIV 464144 on June 29, 2007. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 6:**

Defendant requests that the Court take judicial notice of Plaintiff's Complaint for Restitution, Damages and Injunctive Relief filed in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Mateo, Case Number CIV 473571 on June 10, 2008. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as which is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 7:**

Defendant requests that the Court take judicial notice of the Order Consolidating Related Actions, San Mateo County Superior Court, Case Numbers CIV 464144 and CIV 473571, entered in the Superior Court in and for the County of San Mateo and filed on June 19, 2008. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit G.

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 8:**

Defendant requests that the Court take judicial notice of the Notice of Filing Removal, filed by Defendant AC Square, Inc. on June 20, 2008. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit H.

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 9:**

Defendant requests that the Court take judicial notice of Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages for Violation of Fair Labor Standards Act, Case Number CV 08- 2907- MHP, filed with this Court on June 11, 2008. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit I.

**REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE NO. 10:**

Defendant requests that the Court take judicial notice of Plaintiff's Administrative Motion to Consider Whether Cases Should Be Related, CIV-08-303-EDL, filed on June 27, 2008. A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit J.

1 Dated: July 7, 2008

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Request for Judicial Notice, FRE, Rule 201  
Case No. CV-08-2907-MHP



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING-TRAYNOR,

Case No.:

Plaintiff,

**CIV 456118**  
**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND**  
**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

v.

AC SQUARE, INC., a California  
corporation, Does 1-20,

Defendants,

**PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant AC SQUARE, INC. is and at all times mentioned in this Complaint was a California corporation, with the principal place of business located in Burlingame, San Mateo County, California.

2. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of Defendants Does 1 through 20, and therefore sues these Defendants in such fictitious names. Plaintiff will pray leave of this Court to amend this complaint to allege the true identities when ascertained.

3. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges that each of the defendants herein was at all relevant times the agent, employee, representative, partner, sub-contractor, joint venturer of the remaining defendants and acting within the course and scope of that relationship. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that each of the Defendants herein gave consent to, ratified, and otherwise authorized the acts alleged herein to each of the remaining Defendants.



**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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2 4. Plaintiff DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR, a resident of San Francisco County, began  
3 working on or around December 1, 2004 for Defendants pursuant to an oral agreement as a trainee  
4 installation technician providing cable television and computer services to Comcast consumers  
5 throughout the Bay Area, including San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Plaintiff was  
6 not paid by AC SQUARE, INC. for two months while in this training period.

7 5. Subsequent to his successful completion of the training program and having undertaken and  
8 passed an employment skills test, Plaintiff was hired as a permanent full-time employee of AC  
9 SQUARE, INC. pursuant to a written employment contract on or around January 30, 2005. Plaintiff  
10 was paid on a "piece work" basis, with varying rates for installations, disconnects, upgrades, and  
11 other similar services.

12 6. However, Plaintiff was not paid at a time and one-half rate for work in excess of 8 hours per  
13 day. Plaintiff was also not paid for his travel time from one locale to another, including when he was  
14 required to commute beyond 8 hours per day.

15 7. Plaintiff was required to use his own vehicle and other personal items of his, including tools,  
16 a safety belt, and non-conductive ladder (for climbing utility poles) in order to perform the essential  
17 duties of Defendant's business.

18 8. Plaintiff was not reimbursed for gas, cellphone bills, parking tickets, or vehicle maintenance  
19 and damage (such as when a golf ball broke his truck's windshield).

20 9. Additionally, Defendant AC SQUARE, INC. improperly deducted the cost of tools and other  
21 items from Plaintiff's wages, including an industry-specific cable crimping tool and a Nextel radio.

22 10. Defendant AC SQUARE, INC. also deducted from Plaintiff's wages costs it alleged to have  
23 incurred as a result of lost equipment, including modems and cable television boxes (for as much as  
24 \$360.00 per item), including for such equipment that was negligently and unintentionally mislaid while  
25 at a consumer's residence and also for equipment which had in fact been returned to the Inventory  
26 Clerk.  
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11. Defendant AC SQUARE, INC. also charged back to Plaintiff's wages for jobs that were alleged by the Comcast's Quality Controllers to have not been completed or alleged to have been inadequately performed, such as disconnects that may have been reconnected by the consumer. In all cases, the chargebacks were in the sum of \$50.00, a sum far larger than that payable by Defendant to Plaintiff. (For instance, a disconnect for example was paid at a \$5.00 piece rate.)

12. Plaintiff KEATING-TRAYNOR complained about these deductions and chargebacks to his wages and was retaliated against by being given the less remunerative piece work orders, such as disconnects, resulting in even lower income to him. For example, Plaintiff complained on or about April 30, 2005 regarding a deduction of \$360.00 from his wages payable for the period of April 10-23, 2005.

13. On or about May 2, 2005, Defendant again retaliated against Plaintiff DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR by terminating him. Plaintiff at that time had accrued wages. Said wages have not been forthcoming despite demand therefor, and no accounting has been given.

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**[Non-Payment of Wages]**

14. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-13 above, as though fully set forth herein.

15. Pursuant to Labor Code § 201, at the time Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment Defendant was obligated to pay Plaintiff wages earned and unpaid. In violation of Labor Code § 201 and despite demand, Defendant failed and continues to refuse to pay Plaintiff. Because Plaintiff was employed on a piece work basis and Defendant has failed and refused to provide the accounting required by law for his last two days of work, Plaintiff is only able to estimate the sum he is owed. Plaintiff estimates this to be \$400.00.

16. In addition, Defendant violated Labor Code minimum wage statutes when it failed to pay him during his training period (between December 1, 2004 and January 30, 2005). Plaintiff estimates this to be approximately 80 hours during the month of December 2004 and January 2005.

17. Plus, Defendant improperly charged back expenses from Plaintiff's wages and owes those now

1 as wages violating Labor Code § 222.

2 18. Pursuant to Labor Code § 218.5, Plaintiff requests that the Court award Plaintiff reasonable  
3 attorney's fees and costs incurred in this action.

4 19. Pursuant to Labor Code § 218.6, Plaintiff requests that the Court award Plaintiff interest on  
5 all due and unpaid wages, at the legal rate specified by Civil Code § 3289(b), accruing from the date  
6 the wages were due and payable.

7 20. The Defendant's failure to pay wages was willful in that Defendant knew that Plaintiff was  
8 owed wages, thus entitling Plaintiff to penalties under Labor Code §§ 203, which provides that an  
9 employee's wages shall continue as a penalty until paid or for a period of up to 30 days from the time  
10 they were due, whichever period is shorter.

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12 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as hereinafter described.

13 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
14 **[Failure to Pay Overtime Wages]**

15 21. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-20 above, as though fully set forth herein.

16 22. During the period of from January 30, 2005 through May 2, 2005, Plaintiff never was paid  
17 any wages for the time he worked in excess of eight hours.

18 23. Labor Code § 1198 provides that it is unlawful to employ persons for longer than the hours  
19 set by the Industrial Welfare Commission or under conditions prohibited by the applicable wage  
20 order.

21 24. At all times relevant herein, Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order No. 9-2001 (8 Cal.  
22 Code Reg. § 11090) and Labor Code § 510(a) applied to Plaintiff's employment by Defendant and  
23 provide for employees employed for more than 8 hours a day or 40 hours in one week are supposed  
24 to be paid at the rate of time and one-half for hours in excess of 40 in one week.

25 25. Under the provisions of the Wage Order referred to in Paragraph 24, Plaintiff estimates that  
26 he should have received time and one-half for piece work in excess of 8 hours per day on as many  
27 as two days per week for the period between January 30, 2005 and May 2, 2005. Plaintiff is informed  
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1 and believes Defendant owes him a sum in an amount of at least \$200.00, representing the difference  
2 between the amount of wages owed pursuant to the Wage Order and the amount actually paid to  
3 Plaintiff. Defendants have failed and refused and continues to fail and refuse to pay Plaintiff the  
4 amount owed.

5 26. Defendant's failure to pay Plaintiff for overtime rates on piece work jobs, as required by the  
6 applicable Wage Order, violates the provision of Labor Code § 1198 and is therefore unlawful.

7 27. Pursuant to Labor Code § 1194(a), Plaintiff requests that the court award Plaintiff reasonable  
8 attorney's fees and costs incurred by him in this action.

9 28. Pursuant to Labor Code § 558(a)(1), Plaintiff requests a civil penalty of \$50 for the seven pay  
10 periods Plaintiff was underpaid for a total of **\$350.00**.

11 29. The Defendant's failure to pay wages was willful in that Defendant knew the Plaintiff was  
12 owed wages, thus entitling Plaintiff to penalties under Labor Code § 203, which provides that an  
13 employee's wages shall continue as a penalty until paid or for a period of up to 30 days from the time  
14 they were due, whichever period is shorter.

15 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as hereinafter described.

16 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
17 **[Violations of Labor Code § 2802]**

18 30. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-29 above, as though fully set forth herein.

19 31. While employed in the customary business of Defendants AC SQUARE, INC. and in the  
20 direct consequence of the discharge of his duties, Plaintiff was required to expend his own monies  
21 and in addition suffered losses to his own property for which Defendants must indemnify Plaintiff,  
22 including but not limited to the purchase of a vehicle, vehicle maintenance, gas, tools, and equipment,  
23 including safety belt and non-conductive ladder in a sum greater than \$3,618.23, to be proven at Trial,  
24 all necessarily for conducting Defendant's business of cable television/computer installation.  
25 Defendant has failed and refused to reimburse Plaintiff for such expenses, despite demand.

26 32. Pursuant to Labor Code § 2802, Plaintiff is entitled to indemnification for his necessarily  
27 incurred expenses, plus interest from the date on which the expense was occurred, plus reasonable  
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1 costs and attorney's fees in recovering said sums.

2 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as hereinafter described.

3 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
4 **[Wrongful Termination in Violation of Public Policy]**

5 33. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-32 above, as though fully set forth herein.

6 34. Defendant retaliated against Plaintiff by terminating him because he demanded wages to which  
7 he is entitled from Defendant.

8 35. Such retaliation and discharge violates public policy of California according to Gould v.  
9 Maryland Sound Indust. Inc., (1996) 31 Cal.App.4th 1137, 1150 and Labor Code § 98.6. Demandng  
10 wages and reporting violations of wage law to management is a fundamental policy of this state. Id.

11 36. As a result of the aforesaid acts of Defendant, Plaintiff has become mentally upset, distressed,  
12 and aggravated. Plaintiff claims general damages for such mental distress and aggravation, in an  
13 amount to be determined later, and special damages to be ascertained for the cost of treatment to  
14 relieve such injuries.

15 37. Defendant's act of discharge herein was malicious, fraudulent and oppressive, with the  
16 wrongful intention of injury Plaintiff, and Defendant acted with an improper and evil motive  
17 amounting to malice, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights; Plaintiff requests punitive  
18 damages in a sum to be ascertained.

19 38. Plaintiff requests that the court award Plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred  
20 by him in this action.

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22 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as hereinafter described.

23 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
24 **[Failure to Provide Personnel File, Copies and an Itemized Statement]**

25 39. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-38 above, as though fully set forth herein.

26 40. On October 25, 2005, Plaintiff requested to see his employment file and get copies, pursuant  
27 to Labor Code §§ 226(b), 432 and 1198.5.  
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41. Defendant AC SQUARE, INC. failed and refused to provide Plaintiff access to his file, nor has it responded to this request, violating Labor Code §§ 226(e), 226(f), 226.3, 433 and 1199(c).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant as follows:

1. For general damages in a sum to be ascertained;
2. For special damages, including compensatory damages for past lost wages, overtime pay, reimbursement of all improper deductions and chargebacks made, reimbursement for all expenses necessarily incurred by Plaintiff in the discharge of his duties for employer, in a sum to be ascertained;
3. For interest on the lost wages and overtime pay;
4. For penalties in the amount of 30 days pay for Plaintiff, pursuant to Labor Code § 203;
5. For additional civil penalties under Labor Code § 558(a)(1) totaling \$350.00 and Labor Code § 226(e), 226(f) and 226.3 in amounts to be proven at Trial;
6. For attorney's fees in a sum to be ascertained pursuant to Labor Code §§ 218.5, 226(e), 1194 and 2802(c);
7. For exemplary or punitive damages;
8. For costs of suit herein incurred; and,
9. For such other further relief as the Court may deem proper.

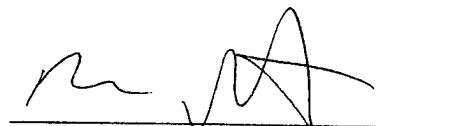
**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING-TRAYNOR hereby demands trial by jury.

DATED: June 28, 2006

LAW OFFICES OF BRUCE R. BERNSTEIN

BY:



BRUCE R. BERNSTEIN  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR

**EXHIBIT B**



ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name and Address): <b>DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING-TRAYNOR</b> 2039 46th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116		TELEPHONE NO.: 415-566-4239	CIV-118 FOR COURT USE ONLY
ATTORNEY FOR (Name): <b>in propria persona</b>		CASE NUMBER:  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">CIV 456118</div>	
Insert name of court and name of judicial district and branch court, if any: <b>SAN MATEO SUPERIOR COURT</b>			
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: <b>DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING-TRAYNOR</b> DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: <b>AC SQUARE, INC.</b>			
<b>REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury, Property Damage, or Wrongful Death <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent Domain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <b>Wage &amp; Hour Violations and Wrongful Term.</b>			
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1. TO THE CLERK: Please **dismiss** this action as follows:

a. (1) ☐ With prejudice (2) ☒ Without prejudice

b. (1) ☐ Complaint (2) ☐ Petition

(3) ☐ Cross-complaint filed by (name):

(4) ☐ Cross-complaint filed by (name):

(5) ☐ Entire action of all parties and all causes of action

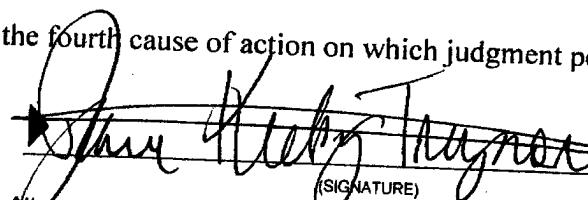
(6) ☒ Other (specify):\* all causes of action except the fourth cause of action on which judgment pending

Date: June 21, 2007

**DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR**

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF ☐ ATTORNEY ☒ PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY)

\*If dismissal requested is of specified parties only of specified causes of action only, or of specified cross-complaints only, so state and identify the parties, causes of action, or cross-complaints to be dismissed.

  
 (SIGNATURE)

Attorney or party without attorney for:

☐ Plaintiff/Petitioner

☐ Cross - complainant

☐ Defendant/Respondent

2. TO THE CLERK: Consent to the above dismissal is hereby given.\*\*  
 Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF ☐ ATTORNEY ☐ PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY)

\*\* If a cross-complaint or Response (Family Law) seeking affirmative relief is on file, the attorney for cross-complainant (respondent) must sign this consent if required by Code of Civil Procedure section 581 (i) or (j).

Attorney or party without attorney for:

☐ Plaintiff/Petitioner

☐ Cross - complainant

☐ Defendant/Respondent

(To be completed by clerk)

3. ☐ Dismissal entered as requested on (date):

4. ☐ Dismissal entered on (date):

as to only (name):

5. ☐ Dismissal **not entered** as requested for the following reasons (specify):

6. ☐ a. Attorney or party without attorney notified on (date):

b. Attorney or party without attorney not notified. Filing party failed to provide

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): <b>DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING-TRAYNOR</b> 566-4239 2039 46th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116		<b>POS-030</b>  FOR COURT USE ONLY
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<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO</b> STREET ADDRESS: 400 COUNTY CENTER MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 BRANCH NAME:		
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING-TRAYNOR RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: AC SQUARE		
<b>PROOF OF SERVICE BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL—CIVIL</b>		CASE NUMBER: CIV 456118

*(Do not use this Proof of Service to show service of a Summons and Complaint.)*

1. I am over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing took place.

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 2039 46TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94116

3. On (date): 6/21/07 I mailed from (city and state): San Francisco, CA  
 the following documents (specify):

**REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS TO ALL CAUSES EXCEPT FOURTH  
 CAUSE OF ACTION FOR WRONGFUL TERMINATION, as well as faxed to 408-288-5686**

☐ The documents are listed in the Attachment to Proof of Service by First-Class Mail—Civil (Documents Served) (form POS-030(D)).

4. I served the documents by enclosing them in an envelope and (check one):

a. ☒ **depositing** the sealed envelope with the United States Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid.

b. ☐ **placing** the envelope for collection and mailing following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this business's practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.

5. The envelope was addressed and mailed as follows:

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b. **Address** of person served:

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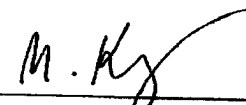
☐ The name and address of each person to whom I mailed the documents is listed in the Attachment to Proof of Service by First-Class Mail—Civil (Persons Served) (POS-030(P)).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: June 21, 2007

**MAUREEN KEATING**

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM)

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(SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM)

**EXHIBIT C**

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From-LITTLER MENDELSON

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING-  
 TRAYNOR,

Plaintiff,

v.

AC SQUARE, INC., A California  
 Corporation, and DOES 1 through 20,  
 inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CIV 456118

**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING THE  
 MOTION OF DEFENDANT AC SQUARE  
 INC.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY  
 ADJUDICATION TO PLAINTIFF'S  
 FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR  
 WRONGFUL TERMINATION IN  
 VIOLATION OF PUBLIC POLICY**

Date: June 8, 2007  
 Time: 9:00 A.M.  
 Dept.: 2F/28  
 Trial Date: June 25, 2007

**BY FAX**

The Motion for Summary Adjudication of AC Square, Inc. ("Defendant") came on regularly for hearing before this Court in Department 2F, the Honorable George A. Miram presiding, on June 8, 2007. Defendant was represented by Ronald A. Peters, Esq.; Plaintiff Daniel Joseph Keating-Traynor, ("Plaintiff") was representing himself in *pro per*. Plaintiff, while having requested oral argument, did not appear at the hearing. At the hearing, the Court passed on the matter until the end of the Court's calendar to permit Plaintiff additional time to appear and present oral argument, but Plaintiff still did not appear, and the tentative ruling was therefore adopted.

After a full consideration of the evidence, a separate statement of each party, the authorities submitted by counsel and Plaintiff, and after opportunity for oral argument was given, the Court finds that there is no triable issue of material fact in connection with Plaintiff's Fourth Cause of

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From-LITTLER MENDELSON

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1 Action for Termination in Violation of Public Policy and that Defendant is therefore entitled to  
2 summary adjudication as a matter of law under Code of Civil Procedure section 437c. The reasons  
3 for this determination are as follows:

4 1. Defendant's general objection to the declarations offered by Plaintiff are  
5 SUSTAINED. Declarations filed in support of and in opposition to summary judgment <sup>and</sup> ~~of~~  
6 adjudication must be based upon personal knowledge of the declarant under California Code of  
7 Civil Procedure 437c(d). The Plaintiff's and his Mother, Maureen Keating's declarations based  
8 upon "the best of my knowledge" are tantamount to information and belief declarations which have  
9 been expressly found to be insufficient to satisfy parties' burden on summary judgment ~~or~~ <sup>to</sup>  
10 adjudication. See *Lopez v. University Partners* (1997) 54 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 1117, 1124. Given that the  
11 ~~general~~ <sup>to</sup> objections of Defendant to Plaintiff's declarations were sustained <sup>as to the whole of the dec</sup> ~~the court did not consider~~ <sup>avari</sup>  
12 particularized objections also filed by Defendant to Plaintiff and Maureen Keating's declarations.

13 2. Defendant has demonstrated that there was no adverse employment action,  
14 and there is no proximate cause between Plaintiff's alleged discharge and his complaints regarding  
15 his paycheck. Defendant has also demonstrated that it had a legitimate, non-retaliatory reason for  
16 allegedly discharging Plaintiff. Defendant has met its burden, and Plaintiff failed to demonstrate the  
17 existence of a trial issue of material fact. (Defendant's Undisputed Material Facts 1-40).


18 **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

19 1. Defendant's General Objections to Plaintiff's and Maureen Keating's  
20 Declarations in support of Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion for Summary Adjudication are hereby  
21 ~~granted~~ <sup>to</sup> sustained.

22 2. The motion for summary adjudication as to each issue of Plaintiff's Fourth  
23 Cause of Action for Wrongful Termination In Violation Of Public Policy is hereby granted.

24 **SO ORDERED:**

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26 DATED: JUN 22 2007

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28 THE HONORABLE GEORGE A. MIRAM  
Judge of the Superior Court

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[PROF] ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOT. FOR SUM. ADJUD.

Case No. 456118

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**EXHIBIT D**

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, state bar number, and address): Ronald A. Peters SBN: 169895 Lilanthi P. Ravishankar SBN 243487 Littler Mendelson 50 W. San Fernando St., 15 <sup>th</sup> Fl., San Jose, CA 95113 TELEPHONE NO. 408.998.4150 FAX NO. (Optional) 408.288.5686 E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) rpeters@littler.com ATTORNEY FOR (Name) AC SQUARE, INC.		FOR COURT USE ONLY  <b>ENDORSED FILED</b> <b>SAN MATEO COUNTY</b>  <b>APR 25 2008</b>  Clerk of the Superior Court By <u>M. Javillonar</u> DEPUTY CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF <b>San Mateo</b> STREET ADDRESS: 400 County Center, Second Floor MAILING ADDRESS: Redwood City, CA 94063 CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: Unlimited Jurisdiction		
PLAINTIFF: DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING TRAYNOR  DEFENDANT: AC SQUARE, INC.		
JUDGMENT <input type="checkbox"/> By Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> By Default <input type="checkbox"/> After Court Trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By Court <input type="checkbox"/> On Stipulation <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant Did Not Appear at Trial		CASE NUMBER CIV 456118  <b>BY FAX</b>

## JUDGMENT

1. ☐ **BY DEFAULT**
- Defendant was properly served with a copy of the summons and complaint.
  - Defendant failed to answer the complaint or appear and defend the action within the time allowed by law.
  - Defendant's default was entered by the clerk upon plaintiff's application.
  - ☐ **Clerk's Judgment** (Code Civ. Proc., § 585(a)). Defendant was sued only on a contract or judgment of a court of this state for the recovery of money.
  - ☐ **Court Judgment** (Code Civ. Proc., § 585(b)). The court considered
    - ☐ plaintiff's testimony and other evidence.
    - ☐ plaintiff's written declaration (Code Civ. Proc., § 585(d)).
2. ☐ **ON STIPULATION**
- Plaintiff and defendant agreed (stipulated) that a judgment be entered in this case. The court approved the stipulated judgment and
    - ☐ the signed written stipulation was filed in the case.
    - ☐ the stipulation was stated in open court    ☐ the stipulation was stated on the record.
3. ☐ **AFTER COURT TRIAL.** The jury was waived. The court considered the evidence.
- The case was tried on (date and time):  
before (name of judicial officer):
  - Appearances by:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff (name each):	<input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff's attorney (name each):
(1)	(1)
(2)	(2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Continued on Attachment 3b.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Defendant (name each):	<input type="checkbox"/> Defendant's attorney (name each):
(1)	(1)
(2)	(2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Continued on Attachment 3b.	
  - ☐ Defendant did not appear at trial. Defendant was properly served with notice of trial.
  - ☐ A statement of decision (Code Civ. Proc., § 632)    ☐ was not    ☐ was requested.

PLAINTIFF: DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING TRAYNOR	CASE NUMBER: CIV 456118
DEFENDANT: AC SQUARE, INC.	

JUDGMENT IS ENTERED AS FOLLOWS BY: ☒ THE COURT ☐ THE CLERK

4. ☐ **Stipulated Judgment.** Judgment is entered according to the stipulation of the parties.

5. **Parties.** Judgment is

a. ☐ for plaintiff (name each):

c. ☐ for cross-complainant (name each):

and against defendant (names):

and against cross-defendant (name each):

☐ Continued on Attachment 5a.

☐ Continued on Attachment 5c.

b. ☒ for defendant (name each): AC Square, Inc.

d. ☐ for cross-defendant (name each):

6. **Amount.**

a. ☐ Defendant named in item 5a above must pay plaintiff on the complaint:

c. ☐ Cross-defendant named in item 5c above must pay cross-complainant on the cross-complaint:

(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Damages	\$	
(2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prejudgment interest at the annual rate of %	\$	
(3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney fees	\$	
(4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Costs	\$	
(5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	\$	
(6)	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	0.00

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(4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Costs	\$	
(5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	\$	
(6)	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	0.00

b. ☒ Plaintiff to receive nothing from defendant named in item 5b.  
☒ Defendant named in item 5b to recover costs \$ 17,332.07  
☐ and attorney fees \$

d. ☐ Cross-complainant to receive nothing from cross-defendant named in item 5d.  
☐ Cross-defendant named in item 5d to recover costs \$  
☐ and attorney fees \$

7. ☐ Other (specify):

Date: APR 22 2008



**MARK R. FORCUM**

JUDICIAL OFFICER

Date:



Clerk, by \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

(SEAL)	
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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE (Optional)**

I certify that this is a true copy of the original judgment on file in the court.

Date:

Clerk, by \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

**PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL**

I am employed in Santa Clara County, California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is 50 West San Fernando St., 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Jose, CA. I am readily familiar with this firm's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. On April 16, 2008, I placed with this firm at the above address for deposit with the United States Postal Service a true and correct copy of the within document(s):

**JUDGMENT; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; ORDER GRANTING JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF DEFENDANT AC SQUARE, INC. AND MEMORANDUM OF COSTS**

in a sealed envelope, postage fully paid, addressed as follows:

Daniel Joseph Keating-Traynor  
2039 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116

Following ordinary business practices, the envelope was sealed and placed for collection and mailing on this date, and would, in the ordinary course of business, be deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on April 16, 2008, at San Jose, California.

  
Pauline R. Lopez

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CIV 456118

DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR VS AC SQUARE

DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING-TRAYNOR  
AC SQUARE, INC.

PRO/PER  
RONALD A. PETERS

MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT/SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES  
BY AC SQUARE, INC. AGAINST DANIEL JOSEPH KEATING-TRAYNOR.

- Defendants' general objection to the declarations offered by plaintiff are SUSTAINED. Declarations filed in support of and in opposition to summary judgment and adjudication must be based upon personal knowledge of the declarant under CCP 437c(d). The plaintiff's and his mother's declarations based upon "the best of my knowledge" are tantamount to Information and belief declarations which have been expressly found to be insufficient to satisfy parties' burden on summary judgment. See Lopez v. University Partners (1997) 54 Cal App 4<sup>th</sup> 1117, 1124. Given the fact that the objections are sustained as to the whole of the declarations, particularized objections shall not be considered.
- The Motion for Summary Adjudication as to the Fourth Cause of Action is GRANTED. Defendant has demonstrated that there was no adverse employment action, and there is no proximate cause between Plaintiff's alleged discharge and his complaints regarding his paycheck. Defendant has also demonstrated that it had a legitimate, non-retaliatory reason for allegedly discharging Plaintiff. Defendant has met its burden, and Plaintiff has failed to demonstrate the existence of a triable issue of material fact. (Defendant's UMF 1-40)
- If the tentative ruling is uncontested, it shall become the order of the court, pursuant to Rule 3.1308(a)(1), adopted by Local Rule 3.10. Moving party shall prepare and submit to the court an order pursuant to the procedures contained in CRC 3.1312.

MOTION TO COMPEL PLAINTIFFS RESPONSES TO DEFENDANTS  
DISCOVERY FILED BY AC SQUARE, INC.

- The Motion to compel Plaintiff's Responses to Discovery is GRANTED. Plaintiff is ordered to provide verified responses to the Demand for Inspection and

Special Interrogatories within ten days of the hearing date.

- Pursuant to CCP 2030.290(b) and CCP 2031.300(c) monetary sanctions are ordered payable by defendant to plaintiff within 15 days in the amount of \$340, consisting of 2.5 hours x \$120 per hour, plus \$40 filing fee.
- If the tentative ruling is uncontested, it shall become the order of the court, pursuant to Rule 3.1308(a)(1), adopted by Local Rule 3.10, effective immediately, and no formal order pursuant to rule 3.1312 or any other notice is required, as the tentative ruling affords sufficient notice to the parties.

**EXHIBIT E**

CM-010

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): <b>DANIEL BERKO SBN 94912</b> <b>LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL BERKO</b> <b>819 EDDY STREET</b> <b>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109</b> TELEPHONE NO.: 415/771-6174 FAX NO.: 415/474-3748 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): <b>DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR</b>		FOR COURT USE ONLY  <h1 style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED</h1>  <h2 style="text-align: center;">JUN 29 2007</h2>  CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT SAN MATEO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF <b>SAN MATEO</b> STREET ADDRESS: <b>400 COUNTY CENTER</b>		
MAILING ADDRESS: <b>REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063</b> CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: <b>UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION</b>		
CASE NAME: <b>DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR vs AC SQUARE et al.</b>		
<b>CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Unlimited</b> (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Limited</b> (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)		CASE NUMBER: <b>07 464144</b>  JUDGE:  DEPT:
Complex Case Designation <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Counter</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Joinder</b> Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)		

Items 1-5 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

<b>Auto Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46) <b>Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input type="checkbox"/> Other PI/PD/WD (23) <b>Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35) <b>Employment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	<b>Contract</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37) <b>Real Property</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26) <b>Unlawful Detainer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38) <b>Judicial Review</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	<b>Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation</b> (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) <b>Enforcement of Judgment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20) <b>Miscellaneous Civil Complaint</b> <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42) <b>Miscellaneous Civil Petition</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)
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2. This case ☒ is ☐ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties   | d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses   |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve | e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence  | f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision   |
3. Type of remedies sought (check all that apply):  
 a. ☒ monetary    b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief    c. ☐ punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): 5
5. This case ☒ is ☐ is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

 Date: 06/28/2007  
 DANIEL BERKO

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

- NOTICE**
- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed in sanctions).
  - File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
  - If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
  - Unless this is a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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8 Attorneys for Plaintiffs,  
 9 DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR on behalf of himself  
 10 and all others similarly situated

**FILED**  
 SAN MATEO COUNTY

JUN 29 2007

Clerk of the Superior Court  
 By **GEORGE JACKSON**  
 DEPUTY CLERK

11 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 12 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
 13 UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

14 DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR on  
 15 behalf of himself and all others similarly  
 16 situated,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 vs.

19 AC SQUARE, DOES 1 THROUGH 600,  
 20 inclusive.

21 Defendants.

Case No.

**CV 464144**

**COMPLAINT FOR RESTITUTION,  
 DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE  
 RELIEF**

**CLASS ACTION**

22 Plaintiff DANIEL KEATING- TRAYNOR complains of Defendants and each of them as  
 23 follows:

24 1. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Defendant AC  
 25 SQUARE, INC. and Does 1 through 600 install, disconnect, and upgrade cable television and  
 26 computer services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast, a provider of  
 27 cable television and computer services to consumers throughout California.

28 2. Plaintiff does not know the true names of Defendants DOES 1 through 600 inclusive,  
 and therefore sues them by those fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on  
 the basis of that information and belief alleges, that each of those defendants was in some  
 manner legally responsible for the events, happenings, injuries and damages alleged in this  
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complaint.

3. In this complaint, when reference is made to any act of AC SQUARE, INC. (hereafter "AC") such allegations shall mean that the owners, officers, directors, agents, employees or representatives, of AC authorized, ratified, approved such acts, or negligently failed and omitted to supervise its employees and agents while engaged in the management, direction, operation or control of the affairs of the business organization and did so while acting within the course and scope of its employment or agency.

4. Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf, and on behalf of all persons similarly situated. The class plaintiff represents consists of all persons who were employed by AC as cable television and computer technicians and who install, upgrade, disconnect and provide similar services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast. Plaintiff KEATING worked as a technician and his job included the responsibilities to install, upgrade, disconnect and provide similar services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast. Plaintiff was formerly employed by AC as a cable television and computer technician for the purpose of installing, upgrading, disconnecting and providing similar services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast.

5. There are well-defined common questions of law and fact affecting the class Plaintiffs represent. The class members' claims against Defendants involve questions of common and general interest in that each and every class member worked as an installer of cable television and computer services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast, were not paid for overtime, were paid on a piecemeal basis, did not receive rest breaks and meal breaks as required by California law, had the cost of tolls and other items deducted from their wages, were not reimbursed for gas, cellphone bills, parking tickets or vehicle maintenance or damage all of which involved or occurred while working for AC. In addition, AC failed to pay each class member wages during all hours that they worked. Accordingly, the facts supporting the claim for each class member is identical or substantially similar for Plaintiff and each member of the class and the alleged breach and claim of liability is identical or substantially identical for each member of the class. These questions are such that proof of a state of facts

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1 common to the class representatives and to members of the class will entitle each member of the  
2 class to the relief requested in this complaint.

3 6. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class, because  
4 plaintiff is a member of the class and plaintiff's claims are typical of those in the class.

5 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **(VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE §17200)**

7 7. Plaintiff incorporates herein *in haec verba* all of the allegations, averments, and  
8 matters contained in paragraphs 1 through 6 above.

9 8. Business and Professions Code §17200 et seq. prohibits any business from  
10 engaging in unfair competition which it defines as any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act  
11 or practice and unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising including any act prohibited by  
12 Business and Professions Code §17500.

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14 9. AC'S refusal to pay class members the wages due to them, improper deductions from  
15 class members' paychecks, and its refusal to pay overtime due are each separately and  
16 collectively unfair and unlawful business practices.

17 10. Each class member is entitled to restitution of all money in which they have an  
18 ownership interest which constitutes either (1) the failure to pay wages due or (2) the failure to  
19 pay overtime due or (3) the failure to pay for time spent while employed by AC.

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21 11. Plaintiff and the class are entitled to an Order or Injunction, prohibiting Defendant from  
22 continuing to engage in the conduct alleged here.

23 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 **(VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE 2802)**

25 12. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the allegations, averments and matters  
26 contained in paragraph 1 through 6 inclusive as if set forth at length herein *in haec verba*.

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13. While employed in the customary business of AC and in the direct consequence of their duties, class members were required to expend his or her own monies in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties, and in addition suffered losses to his or her own property for which Defendants must indemnify class members, including, but not limited to the purchase of a vehicle, vehicle maintenance, gas, tools, and equipment, including safety belts and other equipment.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME WAGES)**

14. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the allegations, averments and matters contained in paragraph 1 through 6 inclusive as if set forth at length herein *in haec verba*.

15. AC fails and refuses to pay class members overtime for time worked in excess of eight hours per day or forty hours per week.

16. Labor Code 1198 provides that it is unlawful to employ persons for longer than the hours set by the Industrial Welfare Commission or under conditions prohibited by the applicable wage order.

17. At all times relevant herein, the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order No. 9-2001 (8 Cal. Code Reg. 11090) and Labor Code 510(a) applied to the employment of class members by Defendant. Said wage order and Labor Code section provide that any employee employed for more than 8 hours a day or 40 hours per week are to be paid at the rate on 1.5 times the normal hourly rate for hours in excess of 8 per day or 40 per week, and or double time under certain conditions.

18. Pursuant to Labor Code 1194(a), Plaintiffs are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

19. Pursuant to Labor Code 558(a)(1), each class member is entitled to a civil penalty of

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\$50 for the initial work period that each class member was underpaid and \$100 for each successive period pay period that he or she was not paid overtime wages as required by law.

**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(FAILURE TO FURNISH INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LABOR CODE 226)**

20. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the allegations, averments and matters contained in paragraph 1 through 6 inclusive as if set forth at length herein *in haec verba*.

21. Defendant has willfully refused to semimonthly or at the time of each payment of wages, furnish each of his or her employees, either as a detachable part of the check, draft, or voucher paying the employee's wages, or separately when wages are paid by personal check or cash, an accurate itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, and (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one

22. Each class member is entitled to a) is entitled to recover the greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay period in which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) per employee for each violation in a subsequent pay period, not exceeding an aggregate penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), and is entitled to an award of costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

**FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(ON BEHALF OF DANNY KEATING-TRAYNOR INDIVIDUALLY)**

**(FAILURE TO PAY WAGES DUE)**

23. Plaintiff incorporates herein all of the allegations, averments and matters contained in paragraphs 1- 3 above as if set forth at length *in have verba*.

24. Plaintiff worked as a trainee for approximately 80 hours for which he was not paid. He is entitled to at least minimum wage plus any overtime for those hours.

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2 **WHEREFORE PLAINTIFFS PRAY JUDGMENT AS FOLLOW:**

3 **ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION:**

- 4 1. General damages according to proof  
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6 2. Special damages according to proof;  
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8 3. Interest on all sums awarded;  
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10 4. Costs of suit;  
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12 5. Such other, and/or further relief as is just and proper.

13 Dated: June 28, 2007

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15 **DANIEL BERKO**  
16 Attorney for Plaintiff **DANNY TRAYNOR-**  
17 **KEATING** on behalf of themselves  
18 and all those similarly situated  
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10 Dated: June 28, 2007  
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14 Attorney for Plaintiff **DANNY TRAYNOR-**  
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**EXHIBIT F**

SUM-100

# SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

AC SQUARE, INC.; COMCAST, INC.; AFSHIN GHANEH; ANDREW BAHMANYAR; and DOES 1-60 inclusive

## YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated

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**SAN MATEO COUNTY**

JUN 10 2008

Clerk of the Superior Court

By DEBHY CLERK

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

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9 DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR on behalf of himself  
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11 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

12 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

13 UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

14 DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR on  
15 behalf of himself and all others similarly  
16 situated,

Plaintiffs,

-vs-

17 AC SQUARE, INC.; COMCAST INC.;  
18 AFSHIN GHANEH; ANDREW  
19 BAHMANYAR; and DOES 1-60  
20 inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.

**CV 473571**  
COMPLAINT FOR RESTITUTION,  
DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE  
RELIEF

CLASS ACTION

21 Plaintiff DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR complains of Defendants and each of them as  
22 follows:

23 1. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Defendants AC  
24 SQUARE, INC., COMCAST INC, AFSHIN GHANEH, ANDREW BAHMANYAR and Does 1  
25 through 60 employ cable technicians who install, disconnect, and upgrade cable television and  
26 computer services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast, a provider of  
27 cable television and computer services to consumers throughout California.

28 2. Plaintiff does not know the true names of Defendants DOES 1-60 inclusive, and  
therefore sues them by those fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on the basis  
of that information and belief alleges, that each of those defendants was in some manner legally

1 responsible for the events, happenings, injuries and damages alleged in this complaint. Plaintiff  
2 is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that each of the Does 1-60 and all named  
3 Defendants encouraged, supported, aided, advised, agreed upon and abetted the violations that  
4 are alleged in this complaint.

5 3. In this complaint, when reference is made to any act of AC SQUARE, INC.  
6 (hereafter "AC") such allegations shall mean that the owners, officers, directors, agents,  
7 employees or representatives, of AC authorized, ratified, approved such acts, or negligently  
8 failed and omitted to supervise its employees and agents while engaged in the management,  
9 direction, operation or control of the affairs of the business organization and did so while acting  
10 within the course and scope of its employment or agency.

11 4. In this complaint, when reference is made to any act of COMCAST, INC.  
12 (hereafter "COMCAST") such allegations shall mean that the owners, officers, directors, agents,  
13 employees or representatives, of COMCAST authorized, ratified, approved such acts, or  
14 negligently failed and omitted to supervise its employees and agents while engaged in the  
15 management, direction, operation or control of the affairs of the business organization and did so  
16 while acting within the course and scope of its employment or agency.

17 5. Defendant AFSHIN GHANEH is responsible for the payroll and business practices of  
18 AC Square that are alleged herein. Afshin Ghaneh also owns AC Square. Defendant ANDREW  
19 BAHMANYAR is also responsible for the payroll and business practices of AC Square that are  
20 alleged herein.

21 6. Defendant Comcast conspired with and aided and abetted Defendants AC Square,  
22 Afshin Ghaneh and Andrew Bahmanyar and Does 1 through 60 in taking the actions alleged  
23 herein. moreover, by shifting responsibility for the installation of Comcast equipment to AC  
24 Square and knowingly allowing AC to systematically underpay its cable technicians including  
25 plaintiff and all class members, COMCAST was able to unfairly compete in the market place by  
26 reducing the true costs of installing and servicing its equipment through the use of laborers paid  
27 less than lawful wages.

28 7. Defendant COMCAST, Afshin Ghaneh and Andrew Bahmanyar and Does 1 through 60

1 aided, abetted, encouraged, supported, advised and benefited from AC Square's violation of  
2 California and federal wage and hour laws as alleged herein. In addition, Afshin Ghaneh has  
3 diverted to himself funds that should have been and were available to pay Plaintiff and all AC  
4 Square employees a lawful wage.

5 8. Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf, and on behalf of all persons similarly  
6 situated. The class plaintiff represents consists of all persons who were employed by AC as  
7 cable television and computer technicians and who install, upgrade, disconnect and provide  
8 similar services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast. Plaintiff  
9 KEATING worked as a technician and his job included the responsibilities to install, upgrade,  
10 disconnect and provide similar services to consumers who use the services and equipment of  
11 Comcast. Plaintiff was formerly employed by AC Square as a cable television and computer  
12 technician for the purpose of installing, upgrading, disconnecting and providing similar services  
13 to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast

14 9. There are well-defined common of questions of law and fact affecting the class  
15 Plaintiffs represent. The class members' claims against Defendants involve questions of common  
16 and general interest in that each and every class member (1) worked as an installer of cable  
17 television and computer services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast,  
18 (2)(a) were not paid for overtime either when he worked more than an 8 hour day, 2(b) or more  
19 than a forty hour week 2(c) worked the seventh day in a row 2(d) worked over eight hours on the  
20 seventh day, (3) were paid on a piecemeal basis, (4) did not receive rest breaks or meal breaks as  
21 required by California law, (5) were subject to improper deductions from their wages, and (6)  
22 were not reimbursed for gas, cell phone bills, parking tickets, and vehicle expenses including,  
23 but not limited to, insurance, vehicle repairs or vehicle maintenance or damage to their vehicles  
24 which involved work done for and/ or occurred while working for AC. In addition, (7) AC failed  
25 to pay each class member wages during all hours that they worked. In addition, (8) AC  
26 intentionally failed to pay all wages due when employees left the company. (9) Class members  
27 were not paid for split shifts as required by law. (10) AC required employees and all class  
28 members do work for no pay under various circumstances such as 10(a) staff meetings, 10(b)



1 picking up work orders and equipment, and 10(c) trips to customer locations where no customer  
2 was present so as to allow an employee/class member to perform services for which he came to  
3 the customer's location (except for payment of a \$1.00 fee). In addition, (11) AC failed to  
4 provide information required to be on wage stubs under California law to all class members. (12)  
5 In addition, AC and all other defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs for time spent transporting  
6 COMCAST Equipment. Accordingly, the facts supporting the claim for each class member is  
7 identical or substantially similar for Plaintiff and each member of the class and the alleged breach  
8 and claim of liability is identical or substantially identical for each member of the class. These  
9 questions are such that proof of a state of facts common to the class representatives and to  
10 members of the class will entitle each member of the class to the relief requested in this  
11 complaint.

12 10. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class, because plaintiff  
13 is a member of the class and plaintiff's claims are typical of those in the class.

#### 14 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### 15 **(CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE §17200)**

16 11. Plaintiff incorporates herein *in haec verba* all of the allegations, averments, and  
17 matters contained in paragraphs 1-10 above.

18 12. Business and Professions Code §17200 et seq. prohibits any business from engaging in  
19 unfair competition which it defines as any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice  
20 and unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising including any act prohibited by Business  
21 and Professions Code §17500.

22 13. AC Square's refusal to pay class members the wages due to them as alleged herein,  
23 which conduct was done in concert and pursuant to agreement with Comcast, Afshin Ghaneh and  
24 Andrew Bahmanyar, employees at Comcast, others, and Does 1 through 60, and which was  
25 aided, abetted, ordered, supported and encouraged by all defendants, and its improper deductions  
26 from class members' paychecks, are each separately and collectively unfair and unlawful  
27

1 business practices.

2 14. Each class member is entitled to restitutionary damages which constitutes (1) the  
3 failure to pay wages due or (2) the failure to pay overtime due or (3) the failure to pay for time  
4 spent while employed by AC or (4) the failure to reimburse for expenses or (5) the failure to pay  
5 a split shift or show up premium when required by law and (6) all other failures to pay money  
6 due. Moreover, to the extent that Defendants, and any of them, received greater profits from their  
7 business than they otherwise would have had AC obeyed California Labor Laws, Defendants  
8 must disgorge all such profits to the extent necessary to pay Plaintiffs the money owed to them.  
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10 15. Plaintiff and the class are entitled to an Order or Injunction, prohibiting Defendants from  
11 continuing to engage in the conduct alleged here.  
12

13 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
14 **(VIOLATION OF FAIR LABOR STANDARD ACT)**  
15 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

16 16. Plaintiff incorporates herein all of the allegations, averments and matters contained in  
17 paragraphs 1-10 and 12-15, inclusive as if set forth at length herein *in haec verba*.

18 17. AC Square, Comcast, Afshin Ghaneh, Andrew Bahmanyar and Does 1 through 60 fail to  
19 pay overtime to class members even though it is clear that class members are entitled to overtime  
20 for each workweek that they work over 40 hours in a week.  
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22 18. AC Square, Comcast, Afshin Ghaneh and Andrew Bahmanyar's failure to pay overtime  
23 due to class members was a willful violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), because it  
24 would be impossible for Defendants not to be aware that the class members were not exempt  
25 from overtime requirements and yet they failed to pay overtime and continue to fail to pay  
26 overtime through the present time.  
27

28 19. Because all Defendants willfully failed to comply with the FLSA, all Plaintiffs are

entitled to damages consisting of the overtime wages they should have been paid and liquidated damages in an amount equal to the unpaid overtime plus interest at the legal rate and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in enforcing the rights.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE FAIR LABOR STANDARD ACT)**

**(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

20. Plaintiff incorporates herein all of the allegations, averments and matters contained in paragraphs 1-10, 12 -15 and 17-19, inclusive as if set forth at length herein *in haec verba*.

21. Defendants and each of them combined together in a tacit and express agreement to knowingly and intentionally deprive Plaintiff and all class members of their rights to overtime pay as provided by the FLSA.

**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(FAILURE TO PAY MONIES DUE AT TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT)**

22. Plaintiff incorporates herein all of the allegations, averments and matters contained in paragraphs 1-10, 12-15, 17-19 and 21, inclusive as if set forth at length herein *in haec verba*.

23. Defendant AC Square, as to all class members who no longer work for it, willfully failed to pay all monies due at the termination of the employment relationship either immediately or within 72 hours.

24. Each class member who is no longer employed by AC Square is entitled to thirty day's wages in addition to all other relief.

**FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE LABOR CODE SECTION 558)**

**(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

25. Plaintiff incorporates herein all of the allegations, averments and matters contained in paragraphs 1-10, 12-15, 17-19, 21, 23-24 inclusive as if set forth at length herein *in haec verba*.

26. Labor Code section 558 provides that any employer or other person acting on behalf of

1 the employer, who violates or causes to be violated any provision of chapter of the Labor Code  
2 regulating payment of wages or any provision regulating hours and days of work and any order of  
3 the Industrial Welfare Commission shall be liable for \$50.00 penalty for the first violation of the  
4 first pay period as to any employee and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation for each  
5 subsequent pay period for which the employee was underpaid in addition to an amount sufficient  
6 to recover underpaid wages. Wages recovered under section 558 are the property of the  
7 underpaid employee.

8 27. By engaging in the conduct and omissions alleged herein, Defendants have intentionally  
9 violated numerous provisions of IWC wage orders and statutes resulting wages including but not  
10 limited to all those referenced in this complaint.

11 28. Each class member and each employee is entitled to all wages due to them pursuant to  
12 Labor Code §558.

13 29. Because the violations of the wage orders and Labor Code provisions relating to payment  
14 of wages was intentional, and Defendants knowingly took advantage of its employees and caused  
15 them substantial economic harm, Plaintiffs are entitled to punitive damages against all  
16 Defendants.  
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18 **WHEREFORE PLAINTIFF PRAYS JUDGMENT AS FOLLOW:**

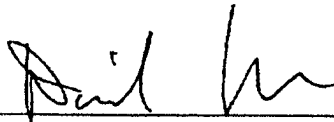
19 **ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION:**

- 20 1. General damages according to proof;  
21 2. Special damages according to proof;  
22 3. Interest on all sums awarded;  
23 4. Costs of suit;  
24 5. Such other, and/or further relief as is just and proper.  
25

26 **ON THE FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION:**  
27

6. Punitive Damages according to proof.

Dated: June 9, 2008



DANIEL BERKO, Attorney for Plaintiff  
DANNY KEATING-TRAYNOR, on behalf of themselves  
and all those similarly situated

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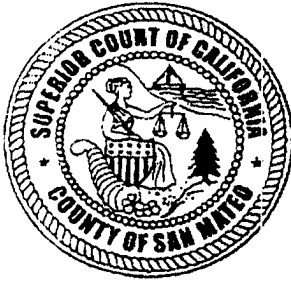
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**DOCUMENTS**

Endorsed filed copies of the Complaint, Summons, Notice of Case Management Conference and ADR Packet information.

I declare under penalty of perjury that I delivered back to the customer, a true copy of the foregoing documents. Executed on the above filed date at the Hall of Justice & Records in Redwood City, CA 94063.

By: G. JACKSON  
Deputy Court Clerk



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DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR Plaintiff(s) vs. AC SQUARE, INC. Defendant(s)	<b>Notice of Complex Case Status Conference</b>  Case No.: CIV 473571      Date: 08/12/08 Time: 9:00 AM Dept. 21
Title: DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR VS AC SQUARE INC	

You are hereby given notice of your Complex Case Status Conference. The date, time and department have been written above. At this conference, the Presiding Judge will decide whether this action is a complex case within the meaning of California Rules of Court ("CRC"), Rule 3.400, subdivision (a) and whether it should be assigned to a single judge for all purposes.

1. In accordance with applicable **San Mateo County Local Rule 2.30**, you are hereby ordered to:
  - a. Serve copies of this notice, your Civil Case Cover Sheet, and your Certificate Re: Complex Case Designation on all named parties in this action no later than service of your first appearance pleadings.
  - b. Give **reasonable notice** of the Complex Case Status Conference to all named parties in this action, even if they have not yet made a first appearance or been formally served with the documents listed in subdivision (a). Such notice shall be given in the same manner as required for an ex parte application pursuant to CRC 3.1203.

**2. If you fail to follow the orders above, you are ordered to show cause why you should not be sanctioned. The Order To Show Cause hearing will be at the same time as the Complex Case Status Conference. Sanctions may include monetary, evidentiary or issue sanctions as well as striking pleadings and/or dismissal.**

3. An action is provisionally a complex case if it involves one or more of the following types of claims: (1) antitrust or trade regulation claims; (2) construction defect claims involving many parties or structures; (3) securities claims or investment losses involving many parties; (4) environmental or toxic tort claims involving many parties; (5) claims involving massive torts; (6) claims involving class actions; or (7) insurance coverage claims arising out of any of the claims listed in subdivisions (1) through (6). The Court shall treat a provisionally complex action as a complex case until the Presiding Judge has the opportunity to decide whether the action meets the definition in CRC 3.400(a).

4. Any party who files either a Civil Case Cover Sheet (pursuant to CRC 3.401) or a counter or joinder Civil Case Cover Sheet (pursuant to CRC 3.402, subdivision (b) or (c)), designating an action as a complex case in Items 1, 2 and/or 5, must also file an accompanying Certificate Re: Complex Case Designation in the form prescribed by the Court. The certificate must include supporting information showing a reasonable basis for the complex case designation being sought. Such supporting information may include, without limitation, a brief description of the following factors as they pertain to the particular action: (1) management of a large number of

separately represented parties; (2) complexity of anticipated factual and/or legal issues; (3) numerous pretrial motions that will be time-consuming to resolve; (4) management of a large number of witnesses or a substantial amount of documentary evidence; (5) coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other countries, states or countries or in a federal court; (6) whether or not certification of a putative class action will in fact be pursued; and (7) substantial post-judgment judicial supervision.

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### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I am the clerk of this Court, not a party to this cause; that I served a copy of this notice on the below date, by placing a copy thereof in separate sealed envelopes addressed to the address shown by the records of this Court, and by then sealing said envelopes and depositing same, with postage fully pre-paid thereon, in the United States Mail at Redwood City, California.

Date: 06/10/08

John C. Fitton,  
Court Executive Officer/Clerk

By: GEORGE JACKSON  
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## NOTICE OF CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

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Time: 9:00 a.m.

*Ac Square*

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by *[Signature]*  
~~DEPUTY CLERK~~

Dept. 3 - on Tuesday & Thursday  
~~Dept. 28~~ - on Wednesday & Friday

You are hereby given notice of your Case Management Conference. The date, time and department have been written above.

1. In accordance with applicable California Rules of Court and Local Rules 2.3(d)1-4 and 2.3(m), you are hereby ordered to:
  - a. Serve all named defendants and file proofs of service on those defendants with the court within 60 days of filing the complaint (CRC 201.7).
  - b. Serve a copy of this notice, Case Management Statement and ADR Information Sheet on all named parties in this action.
  - c. File and serve a completed Case Management Statement at least 15 days before the Case Management Conference [CRC 212(g)]. Failure to do so may result in monetary sanctions.
  - d. Meet and confer, in person or by telephone, to consider each of the issues identified in CRC 212(f) no later than 30 days before the date set for the Case Management Conference.

2. If you fail to follow the orders above, you are ordered to show cause why you should not be sanctioned. The Order To Show Cause hearing will be at the same time as the Case Management Conference hearing. Sanctions may include monetary, evidentiary or issue sanctions as well as striking pleadings and/or dismissal.

3. Continuances of case management conferences are highly disfavored unless good cause is shown.
4. Parties may proceed to an appropriate dispute resolution process ("ADR") by filing a Stipulation To ADR and Proposed Order (see attached form). If plaintiff files a Stipulation To ADR and Proposed Order electing to proceed to judicial arbitration, the Case Management Conference will be taken off the court calendar and the case will be referred to the Arbitration Administrator. If plaintiffs and defendants file a completed stipulation to another ADR process (e.g., mediation) 10 days prior to the first scheduled case management conference, the case management conference will be continued for 90 days to allow parties time to complete their ADR session. The court will notify parties of their new case management conference date.
5. If you have filed a default or a judgment has been entered, your case is not automatically taken off the Case Management Conference Calendar. If "Does", "Roes", etc. are named in your complaint, they must be dismissed in order to close the case. If any party is in bankruptcy, the case is stayed only as to that named party.
6. You are further ordered to appear in person\* (or through your attorney of record) at the Case Management Conference noticed above. You must be thoroughly familiar with the case and fully authorized to proceed.
7. The Case Management judge will issue orders at the conclusion of the conference that may include:
  - a. Referring parties to voluntary ADR and setting an ADR completion date;
  - b. Dismissing or severing claims or parties;
  - c. Setting a trial date.
8. The Case Management judge may be the trial judge in this case.

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2	DEFENDANT	AC SQUARE, INC.	Unrepresented	Serve Required (WaitS)
3	DEFENDANT	COMCAST INC.	Unrepresented	Serve Required (WaitS)
4	DEFENDANT	AFSHIN GHANEH	Unrepresented	Serve Required (WaitS)
5	DEFENDANT	ANDREW BAHMANYAR	Unrepresented	Serve Required (WaitS)

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2. This case ☒ is ☐ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

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3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☒ punitive

4. Number of causes of action (specify): 5

5. This case ☒ is ☐ is not a class action suit.

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: 06/10/2008  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR, on  
behalf of himself and all others similarly  
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AC SQUARE, DOES 1 THROUGH 600,  
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CIV 464144

**[PROPOSED] ORDER CONSOLIDATING  
RELATED ACTIONS CIV 464144 AND CIV  
473571**

Date: June 18, 2008  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Dept.: 1  
Honorable Carol L. Mittlesteadt

DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR, on  
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v.

AC SQUARE, INC.; COMCAST INC.;  
AFSHIN GHANEH; ANDREW  
BAHMANYAR; and DOES 1 THROUGH  
60, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CIV 473571

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN the action entitled *Daniel Keating-Traynor, on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated, Plaintiffs vs. AC Square, Inc.; Comcast, Inc.; Afshin Ghaneh; Andrew Bahmanyar; and Does 1 through 60 inclusive, Defendants*, San Mateo County Superior Court number CIV 473571, filed June 10, 2008 is hereby consolidated for all purposes with

Case No. CIV 464144

**ORDER CONSOLIDATING RELATED ACTIONS NO. CIV 464144 AND CIV 473571**

1 the action entitled *Daniel Keating-Traynor, on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated,*  
2 *Plaintiffs, vs. AC Square, Inc., Does 1 through 600 inclusive, Defendants,* San Mateo County  
3 Superior Court number CIV 464144, filed June 29, 2007. All documents shall be filed under the  
4 case number of the case filed first, case number CIV 464144.

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6 Dated: JUN 18 2008

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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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INCLUSIVE;

Defendants.

Case No. CIV 464144 (CONSOLIDATED BY  
ORDER OF COURT WITH CIV 473571)

NOTICE OF FILING REMOVAL

TO PLAINTIFF, AND HIS ATTORNEY OF RECORD, ROBERT DAVID BAKER, ESQ.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AC SQUARE, INC. AFSHIN GHANEH AND  
ANDREW BAHMANYAR Defendants in Action No., CIV 473571 consolidated into CIV 464144,  
Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Mateo, have filed in the United States  
District Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, a Notice of Removal of Civil  
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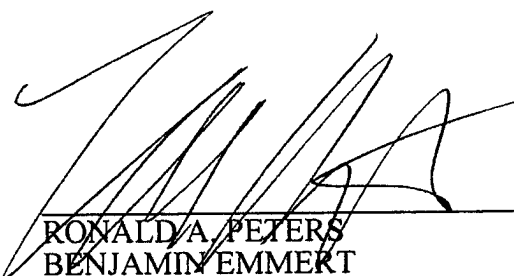
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1 attached as Exhibit A.

2 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1446, the  
3 filing of said Notice of Removal of action in federal court, together with the filing of a copy of said  
4 Notice to State Court and Adverse Party of Removal of Civil Action to Federal Court with the Clerk  
5 of this state court, effects the removal of this action, and the state court may therefore proceed no  
6 further unless and until the case is remanded.

7 Dated: June 19, 2008

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DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR on  
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situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AC SQUARE, COMCAST INC.;  
AFSHIN GHANEH; ANDREW  
BAHMANYAR; and DOES 1  
THROUGH 60, inclusive,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR  
VIOLATION OF FAIR LABOR  
STANDARDS ACT

CLASS ACTION 29 USC 216(b)

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A JURY TRIAL  
ON ALL ISSUES

Plaintiff DANIEL KEATING- TRAYNOR complains of Defendants and each of them as  
follows:

1. This court has jurisdiction over this case because it is an action brought pursuant to  
the *Fair Labor Standards Act*, 29 USC §§ 201- 219. Plaintiff and the class members each have  
a right to bring an action under the FLSA pursuant to 29USC216(b).

~~2. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Defendants AC SQUARE,~~  
INC., COMCAST, INC. AFSHIN GHANEH, ANDREW BAHMANYAR and Docs 1 through  
60 employ technicians who install, disconnect, and upgrade cable television, computer and other

1 setting corporate policy, have operation control of AC's payroll and business practices, including  
2 but not limited to failing to pay overtime compensation even though it is clearly and  
3 unquestionably due to class members.

4 5. Plaintiff does not know the true names of Defendants DOES 1 through 60 inclusive,  
5 and therefore sues them by those fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on  
6 the basis of that information and belief alleges, that each of those defendants was in some  
7 manner legally responsible for the events, happenings, injuries and damages alleged in this  
8 complaint.

9 6. In this complaint, when reference is made to any act of AC SQUARE, INC.,  
10 (hereafter "AC") such allegations shall mean that the owners, officers, directors, agents,  
11 employees or representatives, of AC authorized, ratified, approved such acts, or negligently  
12 failed and omitted to supervise its employees and agents while engaged in the management,  
13 direction, operation or control of the affairs of the business organization and did so while  
14 acting within the course and scope of its employment or agency.

15 7. In this complaint, when reference is made to any act of COMCAST INC.  
16 (hereafter "COMCAST") such allegations shall mean that the owners, officers, directors,  
17 agents, employees or representatives, of COMCAST authorized, ratified, approved such acts,  
18 or negligently failed and omitted to supervise its employees and agents while engaged in the  
19 management, direction, operation or control of the affairs of the business organization and did  
20 so while acting within the course and scope of its employment or agency

21 8. Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf, and on behalf of all persons similarly  
22 situated. The class plaintiff represents consists of all persons who were directly employed by AC  
23 as cable television and computer technicians and who install, upgrade, disconnect and provide  
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similar services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast. Plaintiff KEATING worked as a technician and his job included the responsibilities to install, upgrade, disconnect and provide similar services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast. Plaintiff was formerly employed by AC as a cable television and computer technician for the purpose of installing, upgrading, disconnecting and providing similar services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast

9. There are well-defined common of questions of law and fact affecting the class Plaintiffs represent. The class members' claims against Defendants involve questions of common and general interest in that each and every class member worked as an installer of cable television, computer and electronic services to consumers who use the services and equipment of Comcast, were not paid for overtime, were paid on a piecemeal basis, were not reimbursed for gas, cellphone bills, parking tickets or vehicle maintenance or damage all of which involved or occurred while working for AC. In addition, AC failed to pay each class member wages during all hours that they worked. Accordingly, the facts supporting the claim for each class member is identical or substantially similar for Plaintiff and each member of the class and the alleged breach and claim of liability is identical or substantially identical for each member of the class. These questions are such that proof of a state of facts common to the class representatives and to members of the class will entitle each member of the class to the relief requested in this complaint.

10. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class, because plaintiff is a member of the class and plaintiff's claims are typical of those in the class.

**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**(VIOLATION OF FAIR LABOR STANDARD ACT)**  
**(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

11. Plaintiff incorporates herein *in haec verba* all of the allegations, averments, and matters contained in paragraphs 1 through 10 above.

12. AC, COMCAST, AFSHIN GHANEH, ANDREW BAHMANYAR and Does 1 through 60 fail to pay overtime to class members even though it is clear that class members are entitled to overtime for each workweek that they work over 40 hours in a week.

13. AC'S, COMCAST'S, AFSHIN GHANEH'S and ANDREW BAHMANYAR'S failure to pay overtime due to class members was a willful violation of the FLSA because it would be impossible for defendants not to be aware that the class members were not exempt from overtime requirements and yet they failed to pay overtime and continue to fail to pay overtime through the present time.

14. Because all Defendants willfully failed to comply with the FLSA, all Plaintiffs are entitled to damages consisting of the overtime wages they should have been paid and liquidated damages in an amount equal to the unpaid overtime plus interest at the legal rate and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in enforcing the rights.

**SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

**(CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE FAIR LABOR STANDARD ACT)  
(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

15. Plaintiff incorporates herein *in haec verba* all of the allegations, averments, and matters contained in paragraphs 1 through 14 above.

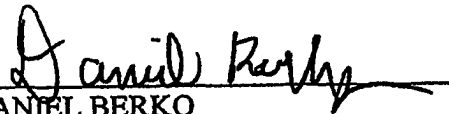
16. Defendants and each of them combined together in a tacit and express agreement to knowingly and intentionally deprive Plaintiff and all class members of their rights to overtime pay as provided by the FLSA

**WHEREFORE PLAINTIFFS PRAY JUDGMENT AS FOLLOW:**

**ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION:**

1. General damages according to proof in an amount that is yet to be ascertained;
2. Special damages according to proof in an amount that is yet to be ascertained;
3. Interest on all sums awarded including prejudgment interest;
4. Costs of suit;
5. A reasonable attorney's fee;
6. Such other, and/or further relief as is just and proper.

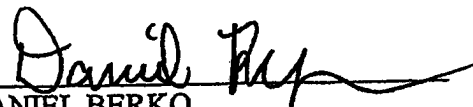
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KEATING on behalf of themselves  
and all those similarly situated

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff on behalf of himself and each member of the class demands a jury trial on all issues.

Dated: June 9, 2008

  
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

<b>DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,</b>	)	<b>CASE NO: CV-08-3035-EDL</b>
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO</b>
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b>CONSIDER WHETHER CASES</b>
	)	<b>SHOULD BE RELATED</b>
<b>AC SQUARE, COMCAST INC.; AFSHIN GHANEH; ANDREW BAHMANYAR; and DOES 1 THROUGH 60, inclusive,</b>	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

**TO EACH PARTY AND TO THE COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR EACH PARTY:**

Plaintiff hereby gives notice, as required in Civil Local Rule 3-12(b), of the following case related to this action:

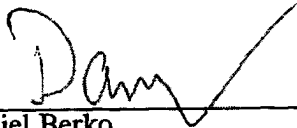
1. UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA; DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR vs AC SQUARE et al; with case number CV-08-02907-MHP filed on Federal Court on June 11, 2008

These cases are related because they discuss the same claims of unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices against the same Defendants.

1 The same Plaintiff DANNY KEATING-TRAYNOR, was in both cases, an employee for  
2 Defendant AC SQUARE.

3 Counsel opines that there will be an unduly burdensome duplication of labor and expense or  
4 conflicting results if the cases are conducted before different Judges.

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6 Date: June 25, 2008

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8 Daniel Berko,  
9 Attorney for Plaintiff Daniel Keating-Traynor in  
10 behalf of himself and all other similarly situated.  
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DANIEL KEATING-TRAYNOR vs AC SQUARE CV-08-03035-EDL  
District Court for the Northern District of California

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